

## NEWS RELEASE

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## SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUES SUCCESS WITH THIRD ANNUAL CIVIL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WEEK

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**-The San Bernardino Superior Court recently hosted its third annual Civil Settlement Conference Week, bringing together local bar groups and parties in civil cases to resolve 118 cases without going to trial.

During Settlement Week, parties and counsel of selected cases, and those that volunteer to participate, meet for a two-hour private settlement conference conducted by a mediation officer from a local bar group. Settlement Week not only saves parties time and money, it also helps alleviate heavy caseloads, and gives the local bar groups a successful vehicle for community involvement. Offered at no cost, Settlement Week provides timely and cost-effective access to justice.

Since its establishment in 2015, the program has maintained a success rate of over 50 percent—where parties have reached full and partial settlements without going to trial. The program's success directly ties to the continued partnership between the San Bernardino Superior Court and the San Bernardino County Bar Association, High Desert Bar Association, and the inland empire chapters of the Western Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, and Consumer Attorneys of California.

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