

## PRESS RELEASE

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## IN-PERSON MEDIATION SERVICES EXPANDS ON JULY 1, 2021

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**– San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce the expansion of in-person mediation services beginning on July 1, in partnership with San Bernardino County, pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Program Act of 1986.

Litigants with general civil, probate, and family law cases at the Barstow, Joshua Tree, San Bernardino Justice Center, Historic, and Fontana Courthouses can begin to receive in-person mediation services. This service can be requested on your next scheduled hearing date and is available through Inland Fair Housing Mediation Board.

Mediation services can be used to resolve disputes informally and save all parties time and money. During mediation, parties often participate more actively in creating a workable solution. At times, these solutions can go beyond what the court can do.

For the latest COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit the court's designated COVID-19 page (<u>www.sb-court.org/covid-19</u>) and social media accounts (<u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>), and for the latest services available to the public.

SBSC continues to follow all <u>Centers for Disease Control and</u> <u>Prevention</u> (CDC) guidelines, and state and <u>local public health orders</u> to ensure the safety of all court users, judicial officers, and employees while balancing access to justice during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a reminder, do not come into any court location if you have COVID-19, are unvaccinated and have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, feeling ill, or have been asked to quarantine by a healthcare professional.

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