



Orange County Superior Court

# CIVIL MEDIATION PROGRAM



Settle Your Case Quickly  
and Cost Effectively

## *Why Wait – Mediate!*

**Mediation can be faster, easier, and less stressful than a trial.**

In mediation, a trained and neutral person called a “mediator” helps people talk to each other to see whether they can work out their dispute for themselves.

Mediation is private and confidential.

Mediation can help you:

- Save **TIME** and **MONEY**
- Protect your **PRIVACY**
- Maintain **CONTROL** of the outcome
- Preserve **RELATIONSHIPS**
- Increase **SATISFACTION**

### HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

Starting mediation is easy. Either:

- File an [Alternative Dispute Resolution Stipulation form](#)
- OR**
- Contact any mediator from the [Court’s list](#) (both sides must agree on the same mediator)

The mediator will handle the rest! The mediator will set a date and time for mediation. The mediator will provide the place. If you settle your case, the mediator will handle the paperwork.

### WHAT IS THE REDUCED COST?

You can try mediation for only \$300 total, per case. This covers up to **two hours!** Many cases can settle in that time. If everyone wants to mediate longer, each mediator charges an hourly rate.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Review information about mediation and the mediators online at: [www.occourts.org/adr](http://www.occourts.org/adr)