

Rule 9.07 amended effective immediately in accordance with Statewide Order by the Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council dated March 23, 2020.

RULE 9.07
MEDIATION

A. The court may order the parties to participate in mediation before a neutral mediator. California Evidence Code sections 1115 et seq., shall govern the proceedings.

1. Within 20 days from the date the Court orders mediation, the plaintiff must serve notice of the mediation to all interested parties, unless the Court provides notice to the parties;

2. The mediator's fees should be divided according to the agreement of the parties;

3. Within 10 days after the completion of the mediation, the mediator is encouraged to file a report notifying the Court if the case has settled conditionally, or unconditionally.

B. The following persons are required to attend Court-ordered mediation in person, or by remote video technology, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, or excused by the Court or the mediator for good cause:

1. The parties;

2. The parties' attorneys;

3. The insurer's representatives with settlement authority;

4. Any other persons whose consent or authority is necessary to resolve the disputed issues.

C. The parties may request mediation at any stage of the proceedings. Such requests should be directed to the judge assigned for all purposes.

Rule 9.07 amended effective June 25, 2020; previously amended effective July 1, 2002