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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

IN RE PERSONAL INJURY CASES)
ASSIGNED TO PERSONAL INJURY)
COURTS, DEPARTMENTS 2, 3, 4A, 4B)
AND 5 AT THE SPRING STREET)
COURTHOUSE)
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TO EACH PARTY AND TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY:

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure, the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Court Rules, the Los Angeles Superior Court (“Court”) HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES THE August 7, 2018 THIRD AMENDED STANDING ORDER, AND THE COURT HEREBY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING FOURTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER:


The Court orders the parties to participate in a Mandatory Settlement Conference (“MSC”) supervised by a Personal Injury Court Judge and staffed by volunteer settlement attorneys from the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.

1. Plaintiff’s counsel shall, within two (2) court days of the Court’s order of an MSC, access the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (“CAALA”) website, at www.caala.org, and under “The LASC COURT CONNECTION” click on “LA Superior Court PI MSC (Parties),” to register and schedule a mutually agreed upon time for the MSC prior to the trial date.
2. A mandatory settlement conference statement shall be served on all parties not less

1 than five (5) court days before the scheduled MSC. Parties' counsel shall serve
2 opposing counsel, CAALA at stuart@caala.org, and the Court by email at
3 SSCDept2@LAcourt.org, SSCDept3@LACourt.org, SSCDept4A@LACourt.org,
4 SSCDept4B@LACourt.org, or SSCDept5@LACourt.org. CAALA will forward
5 the mandatory settlement conference statements to the settlement attorneys.

- 6 3. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1380(b) and Los Angeles Superior
7 Court Rule 3.25(d), trial counsel, the parties and persons, including insurance
8 company representatives with full settlement authority, must attend in person unless
9 the settlement judge excuses personal appearance for good cause.
- 10 4. If the case settles prior to the scheduled MSC, Plaintiff's counsel shall notify the
11 Court, forthwith, of such settlement by email at SSCDept2@LACourt.org,
12 SSCDept3@LAcourt.org, SSCDept4A@LACourt.org, SSCDept4B@LACourt.org
13 or SSCDept5@LACourt.org and also CAALA by email to stuart@caala.org.
- 14 5. Parties and counsel are ordered to appear in Department 2, Department 3, Department
15 4A, Department 4B, or Department 5 at the scheduled time and date of the MSC as
16 selected by the parties' counsel.
- 17 6. The Court has the discretion to require any party and/or counsel who fails or refuses
18 to comply with this order to show cause why the Court should not impose monetary
19 sanctions.

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22 Dated: Sept. 26, 2019



SAMANTHA P. JESSNER
Supervising Judge of Civil Courts