

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sonoma County Superior Court is pleased to announce that it has begun implementation of an improved and expanded Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for general civil cases. The program is being funded by a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts. Effective July 5, 2006, attorney-mediator Nancy L. Case began a one-year contract serving as the ADR Program Coordinator to design and implement the new program in conjunction with the Superior Court Judges and the Court's newly formed ADR Committee, which is chaired by the Hon. Elaine Rushing. Ms. Case has over twenty-five years of experience as a trial attorney. She was a partner in Beyers, Costin & Case (now Beyers Costin). In 2004, Ms. Case opened a private mediation practice and joined the Resolution Remedies panel of neutrals. She also began teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution and a clinical mediation class at Empire College School of Law. Ms. Case has resigned from the Resolution Remedies panel in order to accept this position. She will continue to teach Alternative Dispute Resolution at Empire College School of Law.

The expanded ADR program will be phased-in gradually. The primary focus of the new program will be to encourage and facilitate use of private alternative dispute resolution in litigated cases. The court and the ADR Program Administrator will work with attorneys and litigants to determine the most appropriate type of ADR process for each case. The new ADR Program will also include education for attorneys and litigants regarding Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes. Telephone hours for the ADR Program Coordinator will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The telephone number is (707) 565-7000. Mail should be directed to Nancy L. Case, ADR Program Coordinator, 1450 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.