

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FAMILY LAW DIVISION**
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

You are required to attend a Mandatory Settlement Conference Workshop before the date set for your Mandatory Settlement Conference. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about the Workshop:

1. What is the purpose of the Workshop?

The Workshop will help you prepare for an effective Mandatory Settlement Conference by explaining the settlement process, and assisting you with completing the required documents. You will also learn what to expect at the Mandatory Settlement Conference.

2. What will be done at the Workshop?

Within a classroom setting, all documents required to be completed before the Mandatory Settlement Conference will be prepared and/or reviewed. Required documents include: (1) Settlement Conference Brief; (2) Income and Expense Declaration; (3) Schedule of Assets and Debts; (4) Property Declarations; and (5) Spousal Support Declaration, if applicable. Also discussed are ways to settle your case without having to go through a trial.

3. Where is the Workshop held?

The Workshop is held at 3 locations: the Family Law Courthouse, located at 3744 10th Street, Riverside, CA 92501; the Southwest Justice Center, located at 30755-D Auld Road 1st floor, Murrieta, CA 92563; and at night (5:30 pm) at the Victor Miceli Law Library, located at 3989 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

The Workshop schedule is available online at: http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/cal_rivfamlawworkshop.pdf

4. Do I have to attend the Workshop before I appear for my Mandatory Settlement Conference?

Yes.

5. Do both parties have to attend the Workshop at the same time?

No.

6. Do I have to bring anything to the Workshop?

Yes. A list of documents is included in the Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference that you received. Generally, you should bring completed financial disclosure documents, including an Income and Expense Declaration, Schedule of Assets and Debts, and Property Declaration. You should also bring copies of any existing court orders, for instance, child custody, child support, and/or spousal support orders. Please review the Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference for a complete list.

7. How long is the Workshop?

The Workshop is about 2 hours.

8. Can I bring my children to the Workshop?

Children are not permitted at the Workshop. Childcare is available at the Children's Room. Your child must be potty trained and at least 3 years of age. The Children's Room is available Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.