

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER 07-1

BY THE COURT:

Local Rule 2 of the First Appellate District, concerning mediation in civil appeals, provides, in part:

“(d) [Mediation Process]

“(1) Within 10 days of the filing of the notice of appeal, the appellant shall file with the Clerk and shall serve on all other parties a completed Case Screening Form. Within 15 days of the filing of the notice of appeal, the other parties shall file with the Clerk and shall serve on all other parties their Case Screening Forms. The Case Screening Forms shall be transmitted by the Clerk to the Administrator and shall not be entered in the court file. [¶] . . . [¶]

“(7) The mediator may require parties or their counsel to furnish information, documents, records or other items specified by the mediator. [¶] . . . [¶]

“(9) All parties and their counsel of record must attend all mediation sessions in person with full settlement authority. If the party is not an individual, then a party representative with full authority to settle all appeals and cross-appeals must attend all mediation sessions in person, in addition to counsel. If a party has potential insurance coverage applicable to any of the issues in dispute, a representative of each insurance carrier whose policy may apply must also attend all mediation sessions in person, with full settlement authority. Any exception to this requirement must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

“The mediator may invite participation by any additional person or entity if the mediator concludes that such participation would facilitate mediation. [¶] . . . [¶]

“(12) The parties and their counsel shall promptly take the steps necessary to implement the agreements reached in mediation. An appellant who has settled must immediately serve and file a notice of settlement in the Court of Appeal and, thereafter, must seek abandonment or dismissal of the appeal as provided in the California Rules of Court.

“(e) [Confidentiality] Except as otherwise required by law, information disclosed to the mediator, the parties, counsel, or any other participant in the mediation, or to the Administrator or the Coordinator of the mediation Program, shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone not participating in the mediation Program.”

To facilitate the mediation of appeals, it is hereby ordered that all parties shall fully comply with all of the provisions of Local Rule 2, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth above.

Dated: _____ A.P.J.