

NOTICE TO LITIGANTS

MANDATORY SETTLEMENT AND READINESS CONFERENCE REQUIRED PROCEDURES AND TIME LINES

A **MANDATORY SETTLEMENT AND READINESS CONFERENCE (MSRC)** will be held approximately three to four weeks prior to trial. See CRC Rule 222 and Local Rule 7.12.10.

The MSRC will be conducted as a **MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE** pursuant to CRC Rule 222, which provides:

1. That trial counsel, parties and persons with full authority to settle the case shall personally attend the conference, unless excused by the court for good cause shown; and
2. That no later than five court days before the conference, each party shall submit to the court and serve on each party, a Mandatory Settlement Conference Statement containing a good faith settlement demand and an itemization of economic and non-economic damages by each plaintiff and a good faith offer of settlement by each defendant. The Mandatory Settlement Conference Statement shall set forth and discuss in detail all facts and law pertinent to the issues of liability and damages involved in the case as to that party.

The MSRC will also be conducted as a **TRIAL READINESS CONFERENCE** at which all matters that need to be resolved prior to trial, including matters set at in Rule 7.12.09, paragraphs D and E, shall be before the court. In their MSCR Statements, Counsel are to address the following:

1. **Witnesses.** A list identifying all lay and expert witnesses the party intends to call at trial;
2. **Exhibits.** A list identifying all exhibits the party intends to offer at trial.
3. **Jury Instructions.** A jury instructions checklist indicating the BAJI numbers of requested Instructions;
4. **Photographs and Reports.** Each party shall attach to the MSRC Statement copies of relevant documents which may assist the Court in settlement including photographs, diagrams, reports, bills, and contracts.

No later than three days prior to the **MSRC**, the parties are to file and serve Motions in Limine.