

Save the Date – Live Training In Saipan



Settlement Conference/Mediation Training

In the majority of civil cases, settlement is more economical for courts and parties. Obvious advantages for the parties include certain and quicker resolutions, and the end of legal expenses. Following settlement, courts need not spend the time and resources required to summon and empanel jurors for lengthy trials.

Judges are often in the best position to navigate the parties toward resolution. However, presiding over a settlement conference requires a judge or mediator to access a different skillset than needed for most other court proceedings. An overview presentation on Alternative Dispute Resolution, or ADR, was provided to Pacific Island participants via Zoom in October 2021. This in-person three-day training for judges and mediators will comprehensively explore the following topics through panel and group discussions, practical examples, sample orders, and most importantly, role play:

- The role of a settlement judge/mediator
- Mediation styles
- Confidentiality
- Preparation steps for the conference
- Conducting mediation either in -person or via Zoom
- Stages of mediation through practice scenarios, including role play
- Common questions that arise during mediation and suggested responses
- Addressing impasse
- Mediator's proposal
- How to conclude the conference, whether settlement is achieved or not.

Presenters will include experienced federal magistrate judges and professional mediators.

In-Person Training in Saipan

Wednesday, October 26—Friday, October 28, 2022

Registration available September 29, through October 7, 2022