



## DBA First Friday Voluntary Settlement Conference Program

The DBA administers a settlement conference program for the Riverside County Superior Court for cases in the Palm Springs courthouse known as the First Friday Voluntary Settlement Conference Program. Panelists serve as volunteer settlement facilitators on cases that the Court orders into the program.

Due to the pandemic, the program currently is held remotely on any day of the week when the parties and settlement facilitator agree to a mutual date for the settlement conference. Prior to the pandemic, the program took place on the First Friday of every month in Courtroom PS2 in the Palm Springs Courthouse. Individuals wishing to become a panelist should fill out the application below. The DBA Mediation Committee will review the application to ensure panelists are qualified to serve.

### APPLICATION TO BECOME A PANELIST FOR THE FIRST FRIDAY VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### A. YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CA State Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (*if different*) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. QUALIFICATIONS / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.) I am (check all applicable boxes):

- an active member of the State Bar of California for at least 10 years
- a member of the Desert Bar Association
- a retired Judge in California

2.) Date Admitted to State Bar of California \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Active Bar Membership \_\_\_\_\_

I am also admitted to practice law in the states listed below:



State \_\_\_\_\_ Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Bar # \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Active Membership \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Bar # \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Active Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in good standing in each state where you are licensed to practice law?  Yes  No

If "No," provide an explanation here: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Mediation/Arbitration Training

<b><i>Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Course Title</i></b>	<b><i>Hours</i></b>	<b><i>Date(s)</i></b>

4.) Mediation/Arbitration Experience

(List any affiliations with Court or other Dispute Resolution Providers)

<b><i>Organization</i></b>	<b><i>ADR Services You Provided</i></b>	<b><i>Dates</i></b>



How many litigated cases have you mediated? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your settlement rate? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases where you have been the mediator or settlement facilitator in the last two years:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Have you ever been removed by a court as a mediator?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe the circumstances including the court, the date you were removed and the reasons for your removal \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Languages other than English in which you can conduct mediation \_\_\_\_\_

5.) Professional Background:

Please indicate the approximate number of Superior Court cases in which you have had principal responsibility in the last five (5) years:

Personal Injury \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Contract \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Tort \_\_\_\_\_ Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Real Property \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the approximate number of Superior Court cases you TRIED in the last five (5) years: \_\_\_\_\_.

Have you ever been disciplined by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing entity in any state or by a court of record, including being sanctioned or held in contempt?

Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted or pleaded no contest to a felony or misdemeanor?

Yes  No

(If "Yes," provide additional information in a separate attachment.)

Are you a defendant in any pending felony or misdemeanor proceeding?

Yes  No

(If "Yes," provide additional information in a separate attachment.)



- 6.) Continuing Education: I understand that at least six (6) hours of continuing education or training every two (2) years, including recent developments in California mediation law, mediation ethics and mediation confidentiality are required and that I have a continuing duty to disclose my compliance to the DBA.
- 7.) Professional Liability: The Desert Bar Association will not defend or indemnify any ADR panelist who serves on our panel. DBA panelists are encouraged to seek errors and omissions insurance from a qualified insurance provider.

8.) Types of matters I would take:

- Personal Injury
- Other Torts
- Business
- Real Property
- Contract
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

9.) Please attach a copy of your Curriculum Vitae.

I have read and will abide by the Desert Bar Association First Friday Voluntary Settlement Conference Program rules. I understand and agree that all matters assigned to me through the First Friday Program, shall be conducted only in coordination with Desert Bar Association and in accordance with the Court and the DBA's rules and procedures.

I understand my services are voluntary.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You can send your completed application back to: [info@desertbar.com](mailto:info@desertbar.com)