

Civil Mediation Program

January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010

Civil Short Cause Calendars (every Thursday and Friday mornings)

(These referrals include Civil Harassment and Family cases, as well as other civil cases covered by the grant. The program has chosen to accept any referral the Court refers to a program mediator at the calendar, recognizing that not all are covered by the grant. Because of the small size of the Court, the acceptance of these non-covered cases is justified. The program will eventually be able to sustain itself using volunteer mediators at the Court's calendars by expanding into all substantive areas that lend themselves to the civil mediation process.)

- 4Q2009 36 referrals – 67% settlement rate for fourth quarter period
- YTD 2009 229 referrals – 66% settlement rate year-to-date.

YTD Totals by Sub-Type

- YTD 2009 Civil Harassment 85 referrals 59% settlement rate
- YTD 2009 Domestic Violence w/o kids 91 referrals 74% settlement rate
- YTD 2009 Family Law 49 referrals 67% settlement rate
- YTD 2009 Limited Civil 1 referral 100% settlement rate
- YTD 2009 Probate 3 referrals 33% settlement rate

Family cases include adjustment to visitation schedules, and support and division of assets and liabilities in dissolution cases.

** Probate cases included one conservatorship case and two guardianship cases

Panel Mediations referred to the Program by Civil Court Judge

Mediation Referrals Completed

- 4Q2009 5 referrals completed
 3 reached agreement/partial agreement (60%)
 2 did not reach agreement (40%)
- YTD2009 58 referrals completed
 29 reached agreement/partial agreement (60%)
 18 did not reach agreement (31%)
 11 no mediation occurred (19%)

Mediation Referrals not yet completed

6 cases referred by the Lake Court were scheduled or being scheduled for mediation at December 31, 2009.

Civil Mediation Program

February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011

On-site mediation (performed at the Courts' calendars)

Civil Harassment:

- Lake 54 cases 71% settlement rate
- Mendocino 35 cases 74% settlement rate

Civil Short Cause Matters at Lake

The Friday Short Cause calendar includes all types of civil cases, including family law. The court subsidizes payment for mediations that are not covered by this grant.

YTD Totals by Sub-Type

- YTD Domestic Violence w/o kids 70 cases 63% settlement rate
- YTD Family Law 38 cases 79% settlement rate
- YTD Limited Civil (collections) 1 case 100% settlement rate
- YTD Probate (guardianship) 1 case 0% settlement rate

Panel Mediations referred to the Program by Civil Court Judges

(See Attachment 3)

- 120 referrals as of January 31, 2011. 21 of those cases are from 2009.
- 42 Lake, 45 Mendocino, 33 attorney or party referred
- 37 cases still open
- 27 agreements of 48 mediations completed – 56% agreement
- remaining referrals settled before mediation, went to private mediation, or the parties decided not to mediate.

Civil Mediation Program

February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

On-site mediation (performed at the Courts' calendars)

Civil Harassment:

- Lake 118 cases 64% settlement rate
- Mendocino 23 cases 85% settlement rate

Civil Short Cause Matters at Lake

The Friday Short Cause calendar includes all types of civil cases, including family law. The court subsidizes payment for mediations that are not covered by this grant.

Totals by Sub-Type

- Domestic Violence w/o kids 83 cases 70% settlement rate
- Family Law 37 cases 84% settlement rate
- Guardianship 2 cases 50% settlement rate

Panel Mediations referred to the Program by Civil Court Judges

- Total 93 cases
- Lake – 47 total, 31 completed, 16 open
- Mendocino – 46 total, 30 complete, 16 open
- Of the completed cases for both counties, 15 ended in agreement
- The rest of the completed referrals settled before mediation, went to private mediation, or the parties decided not to mediate.