



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

**Limited Civil – Debt Collection Cases
Notice of Mandatory Online Dispute Resolution**

The Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus – Civil Division mandates participation in online alternative dispute resolution (ODR) for parties involved in Limited Civil – Debt Collection cases (debt collection cases where the Plaintiff is seeking less than \$25,000). There is **no charge** for participating in ODR.

Online Dispute Resolution is Mandatory: Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, in Limited Civil – Debt Collection cases with a single Plaintiff and a single Defendant, both the Plaintiff and the Defendant **must** register for MODRIA - the Court's ODR program.

Plaintiff **must** register for MODRIA within five (5) calendar days of the Defendant's first appearance in the case, and Defendant must register for MODRIA within five (5) calendar days of filing their response to the Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint.

What is ODR? ODR – or “online dispute resolution” - helps parties reach agreements to settle their Limited Civil – Debt Collection case online, using a computer, smart phone or other connected device. There are no phone calls or in person meetings.

The use of ODR allows the parties more time to discuss options and resolutions candidly and privately - online. In a trial, there is typically a winner and a loser. The loser is not likely to be happy, and even the winner may not be completely satisfied with the outcome. Parties who resolve their dispute through the ODR process are more in control of the terms of the resolution than when a judge is involved.

The Court's local rules require that each party participate in good faith in the ODR process.

Are there deadlines for participation in ODR? The deadline for reaching a settlement in your Limited Civil – Debt Collection case through ODR is ten (10) days before the trial date. If you are able to reach a settlement through ODR within that time, the ODR system will help you electronically file the required settlement forms with the Court (at no charge to you) and you will not have to attend your court hearing or trial.

If you are not able to reach a settlement in your Limited Civil – Debt Collection case before the ODR deadline, all parties in the case must attend the trial.

How do I register for ODR? Registration for MODRIA, the Court's ODR system, is available at <http://stanislauscacivilim.modria.com> . In order to register, you will need your case number as set forth on the Plaintiff's Complaint – for example CV-23-012345.



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