



## **JUDGE SAMUEL DER-YEGHIAIAN**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE SAMUEL DER-YEGHIAIAN**

Parties appearing before Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan are required to explore all potential settlement options. A good faith effort by both parties to settle is encouraged at the earliest stages of litigation. Absence of such an effort by either party may result in unnecessary litigation costs and delay the disposition of the case.

If the parties in good faith believe that a settlement conference before the Court would be productive, the parties should comply with the following:

- 1) Plaintiff shall forward a letter to the Defendant which should include Plaintiff's position on the merits and a detailed and itemized settlement demand.

Defendant shall forward a responsive letter to the Plaintiff with its position on the merits and its detailed and itemized offer relating to the settlement demand.

Both parties are encouraged to exchange additional letters of settlement demand and offer in a good faith effort to promote settlement.

- 2) After the above exchanges, the parties should contact Judge Der-Yeghiayan's Courtroom Deputy in order to schedule a settlement conference.  
The parties are to provide the Courtroom Deputy with proposed dates for a settlement

conference.

The Courtroom Deputy will instruct the parties to submit to chambers all the documents relating to settlement demands and offers. The parties should not file such documents with the Clerk of Court inasmuch as all such documents and information contained therein are confidential and are inadmissible at trial.

The Courtroom Deputy will then contact the parties with either further instructions relating to the exchange of documents and/or to schedule a settlement conference.

- 3) Parties with full settlement authority are required to attend the settlement conference in person. If a party is an individual, that individual must personally attend; if a party is a corporation or governmental entity, a representative of the corporation or governmental entity who is authorized to negotiate and/or who has full settlement authority must personally attend; if a party requires approval by an insurer to settle, then a representative of the insurer who is authorized to negotiate and who has full settlement authority must attend.
- 4) Any statements made by the parties at the settlement conference relating to settlement possibilities in their efforts to settle are inadmissible at trial. The parties, therefore, are encouraged to be open and to explore all settlement possibilities.

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