

**Superior Court of California  
County of Riverside**

**CIVIL MEDIATION PANEL COMPENSATION POLICIES**

The compensation of court-connected mediators for court-ordered mediations is required to be the same as for arbitrators in the judicial arbitration program and may be paid from funds allocated to pay those arbitrators. CCP §1775.8. That sum is \$150 per case.

**Mediators on the Court’s Civil Mediation Panel may be compensated as follows:**

- **Mandatory Court-Ordered Mediation pursuant to Local Rule, Title IV:**
  - (a) Panel mediators may bill the court \$150 for the first three (3) hours. After the third hour, mediators may bill the parties based on private fee arrangements, subject to the compensation policies below.
  - (b) Panel mediators may not charge any additional fees for intake, scheduling, administration, preparation, case evaluation or brief review time or for the securing of mediation facilities associated with the initial period.
- **Voluntary Civil Mediations:**

Panel mediators may make private fee arrangements with parties and lawyers, subject to the compensation policies below.

**Compensation Policies**

1. Panel mediators will be compensated directly by the parties, except for the first three (3) hours of Mandatory Court-Ordered Mediation as described above. The fees and expenses of the mediators must be shared equally by the parties, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Mediators will be responsible for the collection of fees. The court will not assist with collection or other fee dispute issues pertaining to mediation under the Civil Mediation Program.
2. Mediators must declare their individual hourly rates and any deposit or cancellation policies in their mediator profile. In addition, parties must be notified in writing upon receiving a referral from the court and prior to the beginning of the first mediation session of the mediator’s hourly rate and any deposit, cancellation or other policies.

For further information, please visit the Court’s ADR page:  
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