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**Mediation Week, March 15-21, 2009**

The Superior Court of California, County of Orange is joining other organizations around the state in celebrating Mediation Week March 15-21, 2009.

Mediation Week honors the important role that mediation plays by offering the public to resolve disputes without going to trial. In mediation, a neutral person helps the parties who are involved in a dispute discuss the issues and try to agree on a resolution.

Mediation provides the parties with an opportunity to discuss their concerns and gives them more control over when and how their dispute is resolved than they would have in a trial.

The Judicial Council of California, the policy-making body for state courts, has declared the third week in March as Mediation Week to coincide with similar recognitions by other public officials and agencies. The week is designed to increase public awareness of the availability and benefits of court mediation programs and to recognize the efforts of those who make them successful.

For more information on mediation and Mediation Week, please visit the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov).