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TARA M. DESAUTELS  
*Presiding Judge*  
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René C. Davidson Courthouse  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
**GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

**DIRECTIVE NO: 2020-21**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CIVIL ACTION MEDIATION**

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) section 1775.2(b), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, elects to adopt Civil Action Mediation. (See CCP 1775 et seq; see also Cal Rules of Court (CRC), rule 3.890 et seq.)

The judge assigned to an at-issue civil action where the amount in controversy is \$50,000 or less for each plaintiff may order the case to Civil Action Mediation. (CCP 1775.3; CRC 3.890(a)(1).) The judge assigned to an at issue civil case where the controversy concerns \$50,001 or more may not order the case to Civil Action Mediation unless the parties stipulate to Civil Action Mediation. (CCP 1775.5; CRC 3.891(a)(2).) Cases may not be ordered to both Judicial Arbitration and Civil Action Mediation. (CCP 1775.4.)

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Issued: January 1, 2020

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Tara M. Desautels, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda