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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 24, 2026
TO: The Profession and Self-Represented Litigants
FROM: London Family Court Bench
RE: DRO Settlement Conference Blitz – September 2026

There are a disproportionately large number of matters on the September trial sittings. If your matter is not called to trial, it will be carried over into the months that follow.

The London Family Court will be hosting a settlement conference blitz the week of September 8 to 11, 2026. A minimum of 10 settlement conferences will be scheduled and held before Dispute Resolution Officers.

If you have a matter on the September or October trial sittings that you think may benefit from an exit settlement conference, please contact Trial Coordination so that we may schedule same on or before **August 12, 2026**, providing the case name, file number and, if applicable, the consent of the parties to participate in the settlement conference.

The settlement conferences will be scheduled at any point during the week of September 8 to 11, 2026. It is expected that you will be available on the date selected. The goal of the exit settlement conference is to resolve all issues in dispute or narrow issues for trial. Settlement conference briefs are **required** to identify the issues in dispute and where the parties are apart. Briefs are due in accordance with the timelines set out in the *Family law Rules*.

After **August 12, 2026**, and assuming we have spots, the court will select matters to proceed to a mandatory exit settlement conference, and you will be informed of same from Trial Coordination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The London Family Court Bench