## **General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Disposition Form Instructions**

- 1. Provide the class of court and county in which the case is being disposed.
- 2. Provide the plaintiff's and defendant's names.
- 3. Provide the reporting party (the individual completing the form).
- 4. Provide the attorneys' names and State Bar numbers. If parties represented themselves, provide their names and check the self-represented box.
- 5. Provide the manner of disposition by checking the appropriate box. See below for definitions.
- 6. Provide an answer to the three questions by checking the appropriate boxes.

## **Manner of Disposition Definitions**

**Jury Trial**: Cases in which a jury is impaneled to determine the issues of fact in the case. A jury trial should be counted when the jury has been sworn, regardless of whether a verdict is reached.

**Bench/Non-Jury Trial**: Cases in which a judge or judicial officer is assigned to determine both the issues of fact and law in the case. A bench/non-jury trial should be counted when the first evidence is introduced, regardless of whether a judgment is reached.

Non-Trial Disposition: Cases in which the disposition does not involve either a jury trial or a bench trial.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**: If a case was disposed of via a non-trial disposition and the method of disposition was alternative dispute resolution. If this box is checked, then the Non-Trial Disposition box must also be checked. Only check if the whole case was resolved via alternative dispute resolution.