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Director sues over ouster

An ousted director of the Drew Medical-Dental Center in East Palo Alto filed a suit in San Mateo County Superior Court Wednesday for reinstatement.

Deborah Sanderson, ejected from the board by her colleagues last April filed for a writ of mandate to overturn the decision by the other directors to remove her. A hearing on

the writ is set for next Friday in the court room of Judge F. William Lanam. At the hearing, representatives of the board will have to show why Mrs. Sanderson should not be reinstated.

In her suit, Mrs. Sanderson charged that the board violated the center's by-laws when it called a special session April 21 to oust her from the board. She is represented by attorney LaDorris Hazzard Cordell of Palo Alto.

Drew Medical Center board ordered to reinstate director

REDWOOD CITY — Judge Thomas Jenkins of San Mateo County Superior Court ordered the Drew Medical Center board of directors on Friday to reinstate ousted board member Deborah Sanderson.

Judge Jenkins upheld Ms. Sanderson's suit of a month ago which asked for a writ rendering invalid her removal.

Drew is a county-supported medical center in East Palo Alto.

Ms. Sanderson's term on the board of directors will expire in November, but she was removed at a special personnel meeting of the directors.

Her suit contended the ouster was without notice or due process, a point upheld by Judge Jenkins.

He ordered her reinstated and said the board must notify Ms. Sanderson of a hearing, give her right to counsel, and sup-

ply a transcript of hearing.

"I don't think the fact that it is a personnel session relating to employees goes to the issue of a board member being voted out of office," Jenkins told the attorneys at a hearing Friday.