

State of Louisiana * Parish of Ouachita/Morehouse * 4th Judicial District Court

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 VS. NUMBER _____ (Division _____)

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 Clerk: _____

ORDER OF MEDIATION

THIS MATTER came before the Court, pursuant to a request by one of the parties for an order requiring them to mediate the issues currently before the Court. Plaintiff, _____, is represented by _____ (or is not represented); Defendant, _____, is represented by _____ (or is not represented). The minor child(ren) and date(s) of birth are as follows:

Name(s) of the Minor Child(ren)	Date of Birth	Current Age

THE COURT, upon considering the pleadings, the law, [and] the presentation made by the parties or their counsel of record [or] the mutual agreements and joint stipulation of the parties:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that _____, a mediator qualified in accordance with LSA RS 9:334, is hereby appointed to mediate the issues before the Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the mediator shall render a report to the Court which indicates whether the parties were able to reach a mediated agreement or not, and shall forward said report to the Court not later than _____ days following the final mediation session, or not less than _____ days after which the mediator is advised by the parties or reasonably believes that a mediated agreement will not be possible;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, in the event the parties are able to reach a mediated agreement, the mediator shall prepare and forward a *Memorandum of Understanding* to the parties and their counsel, which summarizes all of the areas of agreement reached in the mediation;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff, _____, and Defendant, _____, submit to and cooperate in the mediation, and that the parties shall negotiate in good faith, and shall provide the mediator

with any information or documentation which the mediator requires to assist the parties in mediating a fair and equitable agreement, other than information which is privileged under the attorney-client privilege;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff, _____, and Defendant, _____, shall contact the mediator at the telephone number attached hereto as soon as possible, but in no event later than three (3) days following the execution and filing of this *Order*, to coordinate the scheduling of a mediation session or mediation sessions;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall send a certified copy of this *Order* to the mediator, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address indicated below, and that the Hearing Officer shall notify the mediator of his or her appointment not later than _____ after making the appointment;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that costs of mediation evaluation shall be allocated between the parties by the Court at the appropriate time, but that advance costs for the evaluation process shall be paid to the mediator as follows: _____

THUS ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20____, _____ Louisiana.

DISTRICT JUDGE