

CASE NO.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

REFERRAL TO MEDIATION PRIOR TO TEMPORARY ORDERS

Pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §154.001, et seq. and Rule 6 of the Rules of the Judicial District Courts of Harris County, Texas, Family Trial Division, this cause is hereby **ORDERED** referred to mediation prior to Temporary Orders unless the parties have filed a Motion to Waive Mediation and the Court granted the waiver of mediation prior to a Hearing for Temporary Orders. **The parties are hereby ORDERED as follows:**

- shall report immediately to:
 - Harris County Domestic Relations Office, Family Court Services Division, Intake Offices, 201 Caroline, Rm. 1709, Houston, Texas 77002 (ph: 713/755-5706).
 - Harris County Dispute Resolution Center, 1302 Preston, Ste. 100, Houston, Texas 77002 (ph: 713/755-8274).
- shall contact the appointed mediator in this cause to schedule mediator within 2 business days of the receipt of this signed Order for purposes of scheduling mediation. IT IS ORDERED that , SBN:, PH:, is appointed mediator in this cause.

AND ALL PARTIES SHALL BEGIN MEDIATION AS DIRECTED BY THE MEDIATOR;

AND ALL PARTIES SHALL TENDER PAYMENT TO THE MEDIATOR IN THE REASONABLE SUM REQUESTED BY THE MEDIATOR, IN THE REASONABLE METHOD OF PAYMENT REQUESTED BY THE MEDIATOR, AND AT THE TIME AND PLACE REQUESTED BY THE MEDIATOR.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties and attorneys of record shall timely and fully cooperate with all reasonable requests of the mediator. No subpoenas, citations, writs or other process shall be served at or near the location of the mediation upon any person entering, leaving or attending the mediation. Upon completion of the mediation, the mediator is directed to advise the Court, in writing, when the process was completed, whether the parties appeared as directed, whether the parties tendered payment as directed, whether any attorneys appeared, and whether a settlement, in whole or in part, resulted. The confidentiality provisions of Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §154.053 and 154.073 shall be observed, and, except as permitted by statute, neither the mediator nor the mediator's files shall be subject to a subpoena or to a request for production filed by any person.

If a settlement, in whole or in part, results, the parties/attorneys should, as soon thereafter as is practical, submit the settlement to the Court for approval in accordance with Rule 11, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Texas Family Code §6.602 and 153.0071.

MEDIATION BEFORE TEMPORARY ORDERS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MEDIATION PRIOR TO TRIAL. MEDIATION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTION FOR TRIAL. THIS MATTER WILL BE TRIED IF NOT SETTLED.

SIGNED:



Judge
District Court, Harris County, Texas

Petitioner Fax:

Respondent Fax: