Cause No.

§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
§ 8	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER OF REFERRAL FOR MEDIATION

This case is appropriate for mediation pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Sec. 154.001, *et seq.* is appointed Mediator in the above case, and all counsel are directed to contact the Mediator to arrange the logistics of mediation. The Mediator's address and phone number is:

Address: Phone: Bar Number:

Mediation is a mandatory, non-binding settlement conference conducted with the assistance of the Mediator. Mediation is private, confidential, and privileged from process and discovery. After mediation, the Court will be advised <u>only</u> that the case did or did not settle. The Mediator shall not be a witness and the Mediator's records may not be subpoenaed or used as evidence.

Fees for the mediation are to be agreed upon by the parties and the Mediator, and divided and borne equally by the parties unless agreed otherwise. Fees shall be paid by the parties directly to the Mediator and shall be taxed as costs. Each party and counsel will be bound by the Rules for Mediation.

Named parties shall be present during the entire mediation process and each corporate party must be represented by a person with authority to negotiate a settlement. The mediation <u>MUST</u> be completed before the trial setting. Counsel and parties shall agree upon a mediation date. If no agreed date can be scheduled, the Mediator will then select a date and all parties shall appear as directed by the Mediator.

Referral to mediation is not a substitute for trial, and the case will be tried as assigned if not settled. Disputes as to fees may be submitted to the Court.

Signed

	Judge	
	District Court	
TRIAL IS SET FOR:		
Petitioner's Attorney		
Respondent's Attorney	Amicus	

VS.