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**ORDER FOR  
MEDIATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
IN FAMILY FINANCIAL CASE**

G.S. 7A-38.4A; Rules 1 and 2 of the Rules Implementing Settlement Procedures in Equitable Distribution and Other Family Financial Cases

*Deadline For Completion Of Settlement Procedure (for court use only)*

*Tentative Trial Date*

<i>Name Of Plaintiff</i>
<i>Name Of Plaintiff's Attorney(s)</i>
<b>VERSUS</b>
<i>Name Of Defendant</i>
<i>Name Of Defendant's Attorney(s)</i>

In accordance with the Rules Implementing Settlement Procedures in Equitable Distribution and Other Family Financial Cases, it is ORDERED that a mediated settlement conference be held in this case. The procedure shall be completed by the deadline shown above. This Order shall remain in effect unless and until another settlement procedure is ordered by the Court upon motion of the parties.

The parties may, by agreement, select a certified mediator or nominate a non-certified mediator to conduct their mediated settlement conference. The parties shall notify the Court of their designation of a certified mediator, their nomination of a non-certified mediator, or their failure to agree on a mediator on a Designation Of Mediator form, AOC-CV-825. (Fillable form is available at: [www.nccourts.gov/documents/forms/designation-of-mediator-in-family-financial-case](http://www.nccourts.gov/documents/forms/designation-of-mediator-in-family-financial-case).) If the parties cannot agree on a mediator or take no action to select one, the Court shall appoint a certified mediator under a procedure set out in local rule.

As an aid to mediator selection, the NC Dispute Resolution Commission maintains a list of certified family financial mediators on its website at: [www.NCDRC.gov](http://www.NCDRC.gov) (You may search for mediators by name of mediator, by city, or by court district. Once a mediator's name appears on your screen, click on it for a complete contact and availability listing.)

A mediator selected by agreement of the parties shall be compensated at a rate agreed upon between the mediator and the parties. A court-appointed mediator shall be compensated at the rate of \$150 per hour for time spent in the mediated settlement conference, to be billed in quarter hour segments. In addition, a \$150 administrative fee shall be paid pursuant to Rule 7.B. The conference fee shall be paid as provided for in Rule 7.C.

All persons required by Rule 4.A(1) to attend the mediated settlement conference shall be physically present unless such physical presence is excused pursuant to the agreement of all parties and persons required to attend and the mediator.

The mediator shall schedule the date, time and location of the mediated settlement conference or other settlement procedure and timely notify all attorneys and unrepresented parties. The conference shall be completed by the deadline for completion set forth above and the mediator shall report the results on form AOC-CV-828 to the court within ten (10) days after the conference is completed.

<i>Date Of Order</i>	<i>Name Of Judge Or Designee (type or print)</i>	<i>Signature Of Judge Or Designee</i>
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