

CERTIFICATE OF OBSERVATION

Family Financial Settlement Conference Program

Rule 8(a)(5) of the Rules for Settlement Procedures in
District Court Family Financial Cases

Note: All applicants for mediator certification are advised to review FFS Rule 8(a)(5) prior to completing their observations.*

Pre-Litigation: Yes No

Case Caption: _____

Case/File No.: _____

1. For custody and/or family financial mediations observed pursuant to FFS Rule 8(a)(5), the mediator states:

A. I am:

- an Advanced Practitioner member of the Association for Conflict Resolution.
- a mediator affiliated with the NC Administrative Office of the Court’s Custody and Visitation Mediation Program.
- a mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in family financial cases.

B. On _____, 20____, I conducted a mediated settlement conference of the above-captioned or referenced case involving custody and/or family financial issues.

C. The mediated settlement conference was observed from its beginning until its conclusion by settlement or impasse by _____.
(type or print name of observer)

2. For mediations observed pursuant to FFS Rule 8(a)(5) which did not involve custody or family financial issues, the mediator states:

A. I am a mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in superior court civil actions.

B. On _____, 20____, I conducted a mediated settlement conference of the above-captioned or referenced case.

C. The mediated settlement conference was observed from its beginning until its conclusion by settlement or impasse by _____.
(type or print name of observer)

Signature Of Mediator

Name Of Mediator (type or print)

Email Address Of Mediator

This, the _____ day of _____, 20____.

***Attorney applicants** must observe two (2) mediated settlement conferences involving custody and/or family financial issues, from beginning through impasse or settlement, which are conducted by 1) a mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in family financial cases; 2) an Advanced Practitioner member of the Association for Conflict Resolution; or 3) a NCAOC mediator. Conferences eligible for observation also include those disputes mediated prior to litigation of family financial issues which are mediated by agreement of the parties and which incorporate the FFS Rules. FFS Rule 8(a)(5).

Non-attorney applicants must observe five (5) mediated settlement conferences involving civil or family issues from beginning through impasse or settlement. Two (2) observations shall involve custody and/or family financial issues conducted by 1) a mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in family financial cases; 2) an Advanced Practitioner member of the Association for Conflict Resolution; or 3) a NCAOC mediator. The three (3) additional eligible observations must be conducted by a mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission and may include disputes mediated prior to litigation by agreement of the parties and cases conducted pursuant to court order, all of which must be conducted pursuant to the rules of a NC state or federal court or the rules of the NC Dispute Resolution Commission. FFS Rule 8(a)(5).