

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. _____

_____,
Plaintiff

vs.

INITIAL
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE ORDER

_____,
Defendant

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE:

___ A mediated settlement conference shall be completed within 90 days of the entry of this order. If the mediated settlement conference does not result in a resolution of all issues, the parties are ordered to submit a request for a Final Pre-Trial Conference within 10 days after the conclusion of the mediated settlement conference.

Or

___ For good cause shown, the Court shall not require a Mediated Settlement Conference in this matter. The Final Pre-Trial Conference shall take place on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

MEDIATOR:

___ The Court hereby designates a mediator, who is certified pursuant to the Rules for Settlement Procedures in District Court Family Financial Case. The rate of compensation for the mediator shall be as set forth in Rule 7 of the Rules for Settlement Procedures in District Court Family Financial Cases.

Or

___ The parties and their counsel have selected a mediator, and the mediator and the parties have agreed upon the rate of compensation. The parties shall be required to pay the mediator's fee at the conclusion of the settlement conference or proceeding unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

The mediator shall be:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 50-21, the Court sets the following deadlines and dates:

1. All pre-trial motions shall be filed and served prior to the Final Pre-Trial Conference.

2. A trial date shall be set at the Final Pre-Trial Conference.

3. No discovery shall be propounded less than 45 days prior to trial.

4. The parties shall complete discovery, including depositions, no later than 30 days before the final pre-trial conference. Discovery and depositions may be taken after the specified time period by agreement of counsel of record or for good cause shown. The foregoing deadlines shall not relieve a party of the obligation to respond to discovery requests within the time periods set forth in the Rules of Civil Procedure, including, in particular, the duty to supplement or amend prior responses.

Entered this ____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE

Counsel:

Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Defendant