

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
File No. _____

Plaintiff

vs

NOTICE OF CUSTODY MEDIATION ORIENTATION

Defendant

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 50-13.1, notice is hereby given for the parties to appear for mandatory
Orientation to Custody Mediation:

_____ at 10:00 AM (allow up to 1 hour)
Columbus County Courthouse Annex, 112 W. Smith Street, Whiteville, NC 28472
Courtroom 1

All parties are required to be present at this time to participate in a Mediation Orientation Program.

**PARTIES WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
CONTEMPT POWERS OF THE COURT.**

You are required to be present. **DO NOT BRING** your children or any other individuals not named in
your custody action. No drinks, food or hats are permitted in the Courthouse. Please make sure your
cell phones are turned off.

The goal of the Mediation Orientation is to help parties understand the Mediation process and foster
success in making custody arrangements that are in the best interest of their children. Parties have the
opportunity to make informed choices and decisions about how they will parent their children. The
Orientation Program last approximately 1 hour. Mediation provides an efficient, economical
alternative to litigation for solving disputes involving the children that emerge following a separation
and divorce.

Attorneys and children are not included in Mediation. If either party has attended an Orientation within
the previous three years, you are not required to attend Orientation. If you live outside Columbus
County, please inquire about accommodation for distance. Once both parties attend Orientation, a
Mediation session between the parties will be scheduled.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL THE CUSTODY MEDIATION OFFICE (910) 253-4287

☐ Served with Complaint

☐ Served (Other): _____

Date