



THE NORTH CAROLINA DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

Family Court Mediation Coordinators for District Court Districts

To: ALL CERTIFIED FFS MEDIATORS

From: NC DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

Re: COURT APPOINTMENTS/FFS PROGRAM (01/2024)

FFS Rule 2(b) provides that court appointments to mediate are to be made by each judicial district rotating through the Commission's list of certified mediators who have expressed a willingness to accept court appointments in a particular district. You may wish to contact court staff in any judicial district in which you have indicated you are willing to be court appointed to verify your placement on each district's list.

To assist mediators in contacting individual districts, the Commission has compiled the following list of **FFS** contact persons. The list indicates who the contact person is and where and how they can be reached. Most court staff prefer being contacted in writing. Pursuant to **FFS Rule 13**, the Commission urges you to familiarize yourself with any such local rules before mediating in the district.

Under **FFS Rule 2(b)** mediators are required on an annual basis to designate those districts in which they wish to accept court appointments. By designating a particular district, you are representing that you will accept court appointments in that district. Failure to accept an appointment may result in sanctions, including removal from that district's court appointed list. The Commission reminds all mediators who accept court appointments that their fees are capped by **FFS Rule 7** and they are not permitted to charge for mileage, hotels, or other travel expenses in connection with court appointed mediations. Also, please review amended **FFS Rule 3(a)** which provides that if the parties and the mediator cannot agree on the location of the mediation, it shall be held in the county where the action is pending, at a location in the discretion of the mediator.

Cases assigned to court appointed mediators can be difficult to both schedule and mediate. The Commission and the courts are very grateful to all of you who undertake this important service.

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