IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER AMENDING THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR MEDIATORS

Pursuant to subsection 7A-38.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Court hereby adopts Standard 9 of the Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators.

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Standard 9. Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited

<u>A mediator shall not engage in unlawful discriminatory conduct</u> within the mediation process.

A mediator shall not engage in conduct within the mediation process that the mediator knows, or reasonably should know, discriminates against a person on an unlawful basis. This standard does not limit the prerogative of a mediator to accept, decline, or withdraw from a matter in accordance with these standards.

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This amendment to the Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators becomes effective on 1 May 2023.

This order shall be published in the North Carolina Reports and posted on the

rules web page of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Ordered by the Court in Conference, this the 4th day of April 2023.

For the Court

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, this the 4th day of April 2023.

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GRANT E. BUCKNER Clerk of the Supreme Court