

**FFS RULE 7. COMPENSATION OF THE MEDIATOR AND SANCTIONS**

**A. BY AGREEMENT.** When the mediator is selected by agreement of the parties, compensation shall be as agreed upon between the parties and the mediator. The terms of the parties' agreement with the mediator notwithstanding, Section E. below shall apply to issues involving the compensation of the mediator. Sections D and F below shall apply unless the parties' agreement provides otherwise.

**B. BY COURT ORDER.**

When the mediator is appointed by the court, the parties shall compensate the mediator for mediation services at the rate of \$150 per hour. The parties shall also pay to the mediator a one time, per case administrative fee of ~~\$150~~175, which accrues upon appointment.

**C. CHANGE OF APPOINTED MEDIATOR.**

Pursuant to Rule 2.A, the parties may select a certified mediator or nominate a non-certified mediator to conduct their mediated settlement conference. Parties who fail to select a mediator and then desire a substitution after the court has appointed a mediator, shall obtain court approval for the substitution. The court may approve the substitution only upon proof of payment to the court's original appointee the ~~\$150~~175 one time, per case administrative fee and any other amount due and owing for mediation services pursuant to Rule 7.B and any postponement fee due and owing pursuant to Rule 7.F.