

## **Information about Mediation and the Mediator Required in Connection with Court-Connected Mediation**

1. I subscribe to the Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators developed jointly by the American Arbitration Association, the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution and the Association for Conflict Resolution. I will provide a copy on request or you can find the Standards by asking Google for them.
2. I view mediation as concentrated, focused settlement negotiation. As a mediator, I do not decide anything except how the process will be conducted. My job is to assist the parties to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of the dispute. I am a facilitator. I will, if requested, provide my opinion or evaluation on particular questions. My views are far from infallible. You should have independent counsel on any such questions.
3. Mediation is a voluntary process. Any party or the mediator may suspend or terminate the mediation after it is begun. Resolution will be more likely if the mediation is suspended than if it is terminated.
4. By participating in mediation the parties are committing to participate fully and to negotiate in good faith.
5. If a party discloses something to me when we are meeting separately, I will not disclose it to the other side without permission to do so.
6. If I am aware of circumstances or a relationship that might raise questions about my impartiality or fairness, I will disclose the circumstances or relationship so you can decide if you want me to mediate.
7. Any decisions made by the parties during the mediation should be made with the informed consent and the agreement of the parties.
8. The parties are entitled to independent legal counsel, at their expense, concerning any questions arising during the course of the mediation, including review of any proposed agreement before it is executed.
9. I will inform you if and when I think the circumstances of this dispute make it inappropriate for mediation.
10. I have on file with the court information about my background and qualifications as a mediator. I will give you a copy of my resume on request.

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