

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
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Petitioner,)
_____)
) No. _____ - -
and)
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Respondent.)
_____)

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

This matter having come on to be heard on Petitioner's/Respondent's/Parties'/Court's motion for mediation, and it appearing that certain disputes in regard to custody/visitation have arisen between the parties, and in accordance with this Court's policy requiring mediation of all custody/visitation disputes, NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the parties select a mediator from the Court-approved list of mediators on file in the Circuit Clerk's office.
2. That the parties shall select a mediator from said list within 7 days from the date of this Order and notify the Court. In the event that the attorneys and clients cannot agree on a mediator, each party shall submit the names of three Court approved mediators to the judge hearing the case and the judge will select a mediator from the names submitted.
3. That the fees of the mediator shall be shared equally by the parties unless otherwise ordered by the Court. All fees will be paid within 14 days of the cessation of mediation.
4. That the parties shall complete the mediation process within 45 days from the date of this Order, except that an extension may be granted by the Court, upon a representation of the mediator that sufficient progress is being made in the mediation process and that additional time may be necessary to complete the mediation process, or upon application of either party if good cause is shown. A hearing date is set for _____.
5. That neither attorney for either party will initiate communication with the mediator other than to complete the Mediation Referral Form. The Mediation Referral Form shall be prepared by the attorney for the Petitioner or Petitioner (if unrepresented) and forwarded to the selected mediator and the attorney for the Respondent or Respondent (if unrepresented), at least 1 week prior to the start of mediation. Any other communication between the attorneys for either parties and mediator shall be in accordance with the Standards and Procedures as adopted by this Court.
6. That no report of the content of the mediation sessions shall be filed with the Court nor shall the mediator be called as a witness in this proceeding.
7. That the parties shall cooperate and make themselves available for mediation in any reasonable manner deemed necessary for the purposes of this Order.
8. That no permanent custody/visitation hearing shall be convened until such time as the mediation process is completed.

ENTERED: This _____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE

September 16, 1993