

State of Michigan  
37<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Calhoun County

Custody/Parenting Time  
Request for Mediation

Case No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff

vs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

Mediation is available through the Friend of the Court Office to assist parents in reaching their own agreements regarding custody and/or parenting time issues. Parents, with the aid of a mediator, discuss the issues and develop mutually acceptable agreements that will best serve the family's needs. Disputes that are voluntarily settled between parents are usually the most workable. In mediation, communications between the parents and the mediator are considered confidential, privileged information and cannot be used by the Court or the Friend of the Court Office for any purpose other than progress in the mediation.

You have the right to have your attorney present. Considering the confidential nature of the mediation conference, as well as the purpose of providing parents an opportunity to come to their own agreement as to their children's custody or as to parenting time rights, generally parents attend the mediation hearing without their attorneys.

Mediation is a voluntary procedure. For a mediation conference to be scheduled, both parents must indicate their consent. We further suggest you discuss this matter with your attorney. If you wish to utilize the alternative of mediation in resolving custody and/or parenting time issues, please complete the information below. A conference notice will be sent to you and your attorney as soon as a date is scheduled.

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I request mediation to resolve custody and/or parenting time issues in my case. I understand that should the other parent be unwilling to consider mediation, no conference will be held.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's Signature  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Work \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] My attorney will be present at the conference.

Note: Return to Calhoun County Friend of the Court Mediation, 161 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014  
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