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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF

MEDIATION OF CONTESTED
DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

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STANDING ORDER

ORDER

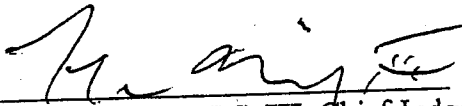
All parties in contested domestic relations actions shall participate in mediation prior to a final hearing on the matter. However, this rule does not apply to cases filed under the Family Violence Act, O.C.G.A. § 19-13-1, et seq., legitimation, annulment, paternity or termination of parental rights actions.

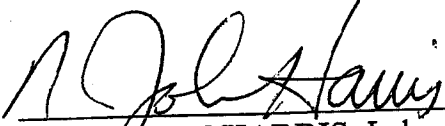
Prior to the final hearing, the parties through counsel shall certify in writing that the parties have participated in mediation.

The parties are to share in the cost of mediation equally, unless otherwise agreed upon or unless otherwise ordered. Cost of mediation shall be in accordance with the rules of the Ninth Judicial District respecting mediation. The length of the mediation session shall be determined by the parties and the mediator at the beginning of the session. The parties shall pay the mediator at the beginning of the session. All requests for fee waiver or reduction based on inability to pay must be made to the Ninth Judicial District's Office of Dispute Resolution in advance of the mediation session.

Nothing herein prevents the parties from participating in an independent alternative dispute resolution program in lieu of the one offered by the Ninth Judicial District.

SO ORDERED, this 16 day of April, 2004.


FRANK C. MILLS, III, Chief Judge
Cherokee County Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit


N. JACKSON HARRIS, Judge
Cherokee County Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

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