

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In the matter of:  
DIVORCING PARENTS SEMINAR

**ORDER on DIVORCING PARENTS SEMINAR**

Pursuant to the inherent powers of the Court, and in the best interests of the minor children who are the subject of matters pending before the Court, it is hereby ORDERED, as follows.

1. This Order shall apply to all parties with minor children (under the age of 18) in all divorce, separate maintenance, paternity, modification of child custody and visitation, modification of child support, legitimation, paternity, and other domestic relations actions as may be ordered by the Court. This Order shall not apply to petitions for temporary protective order under the Family Violence Act, or actions to enforce child support obligations under O.C.G.A. Chapter 11, Title 19. For purposes of this Order, "seminar" shall be defined to include either in-person or online programs.

2. All parties shall successfully complete the program entitled "Divorcing Parents Seminar" available through the Office of Dispute Resolution of the Ninth Judicial Administrative District of Georgia (hereinafter, "the Ninth District"). Attendance is required of all parties to a case where the interests of children under the age of 18 are involved. The seminar must be successfully completed within 30 days of the service of the original complaint upon the defendant. The Court's action on a petition will not be delayed by a non-moving or responding party's failure to complete the seminar in a timely manner. Upon a party's failure to complete the seminar pursuant to this Order, the assigned Judge may take appropriate action thereon, including but not limited to, actions for contempt.

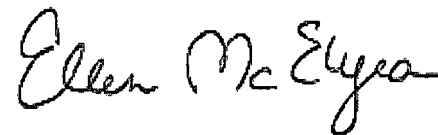
3. Parties shall register for the seminar through the Ninth District Office.  
<https://www.adr9.com/DIVORCING-PARENTS-SEMINAR.html> Each party shall be responsible for payment of a participant fee, unless otherwise waived by the program, and shall comply with any procedures or requirements of the Ninth District.

4. Parties may alternatively attend any four-hour parenting seminar sponsored by any Superior Court of the State of Georgia. The attendee shall be responsible for providing a certificate of completion by filing it with the Clerk of Court. Upon timely motion and for good cause shown, the assigned judge may accept proof of completion of a seminar sponsored by a court of another state or a third-party provider, or waive the seminar requirement in any individual case. A certificate of attendance is valid for three years.

5. This Order supersedes that Order filed on January 4, 2011, and recorded in Minute Book 193, Page 1335, ONLY insofar as it addresses the Divorcing Parents Seminar. The provisions of said Order that address Mediation shall remain in full force and effect.

May 7, 2020

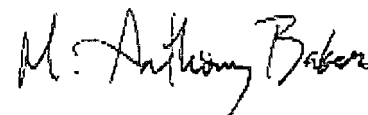
SO ORDERED ON \_\_\_\_\_



Ellen McElyea, Chief Judge  
Superior Court of Cherokee County  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit



David Cannon, Jr., Judge  
Superior Court of Cherokee County  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit



M. Anthony Baker, Judge  
Superior Court of Cherokee County  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit