

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Complainant)
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vs.) **Civil Law No. CL- _____**
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Respondent)
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MEDIATION ORDER

On _____, the parties appeared before this Court on the issue of child custody and visitation.

The Court finds that it is in the best interest of the child/children that the parents enter into mediation in order to resolve the disputes before the Court. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties and children are referred to mediation to mediate a settlement agreement for custody and visitation. The mediator will determine to what extent the child's/children's participation will be helpful to the process.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties work in a positive manner to reach a mutual agreement on custody and visitation. Communications in connection with the mediation program are confidential in accordance with 8.01-581.22 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. A mediation agreement will become an order in this case. Parties shall have counsel review the mediation agreement. Counsel are excluded from the mediation sessions unless explicitly invited by the mediator.

It is further **ORDERED** that a settlement agreement or progress report be submitted to this Court no later than _____.

ENTERED on _____, _____.

JUDGE

Counsel for Complainant

Counsel for Respondent