

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF

CASE NO.

_____,
PETITIONER,

_____,
RESPONDENT.

**ORDER OF REFERRAL TO EARLY SETTLEMENT MEDIATION OR
ANY OTHER AGREEABLE MEDIATION SOURCE**

This case is ordered to mediation by the District Court for _____ County.

Parties and counsel shall proceed in a good faith effort to resolve this case.

The EARLY SETTLEMENT SOUTHEAST mediation program will provide a certified mediator trained in divorce mediation to conduct the mediation session(s). In the event that the attorneys and the parties do not desire EARLY SETTLEMENT to conduct the mediation, then they are free to contract with a private mediator as long as this does not delay the trial time.

The mediation sessions shall be private and confidential. If an understanding in whole or in part, is reached between the parties, that understanding will be reduced to a written memorandum, and a copy of the memorandum given to each party to present to their respective attorney(s), if any, for review. When prepared in proper form by counsel, the parties' memorandum will be presented to the Court. If approved by the Court, in writing, the agreement will have the effect of Court Order on the date such written approval is filed in the case.

If either party's attorney does not approve the mediation agreement, in whole or in part, counsel will attempt to resolve the differences of the parties. If no resolution can be reached, within thirty (30) days following the date the mediation agreement was executed by the parties the Court will set the case for trial.

Issues to be discussed in mediation include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Custody of minor children if applicable;
2. Visitation by the non-custodial parent, if applicable;
3. Child support, if applicable;
4. Division of property;
5. Alimony.

Those present in mediation session(s) shall include the mediator and the parties, **ONLY**. Persons other than the parties may attend only if there is a joint consent by all parties, attorneys and the mediator. This provision does not apply to the attorneys.

Issues raised in mediation regarding allegations of neglect or abuse of physical nature by or against either party, or to any minor child involved in the case will be referred to the appropriate agency for investigation.

Counsel for each party shall obtain and furnish a Memorandum for Mediation to EARLY SETTLEMENT SOUTHEAST. These memoranda are not to be filed with the Court.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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