

EARLY SETTLEMENT MEDIATION

Southeast Program's Monthly Newsletter



Mediating Temporary Orders in Divorces

By Sara Northcutt

Mediation of temporary orders is often a very helpful process to attempt prior to a hearing that is likely to be ugly and create or worsen animosity between the parties.

Mediating temporary order agreements can set the tone for how the divorce can proceed and can encourage the parties to cooperate and negotiate during the extend of the divorce process. Mediation of temporary orders can also reduce any threat to civility, especially if there are children involved. Mediating temporary orders can create an opportunity for parents to explore different parenting arrangements on a trial basis to see what works best for their family before making any permanent changes.

Parties can voice request/needs without going overboard, can address timelines, and consider the possibilities for final settlement.

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ORDERS**

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CASE LOAD SUMMARY

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Oftentimes, much of what gets ordered and/or agreed to on temporary orders could potentially end up in the final order as well. Many issues (e.g., custody issues) effectively get resolved after the issue is explored at the temporary orders stage and a party realizes what an uphill battle they may have.

As important as this phase of the case is it is far too often not given the attention that it deserves. Early Settlement is available to mediate and assist parties in negotiating temporary orders so that families/parents can move through the divorce and/or issues in a cooperative and timely manner. Contact our office today to learn more about the process and the options to mediate temporary order agreements.



Thank you Southeast Oklahoma for choosing
Early Settlement Mediation!

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The Southeast Program would not be able to serve your communities without our volunteer mediators!



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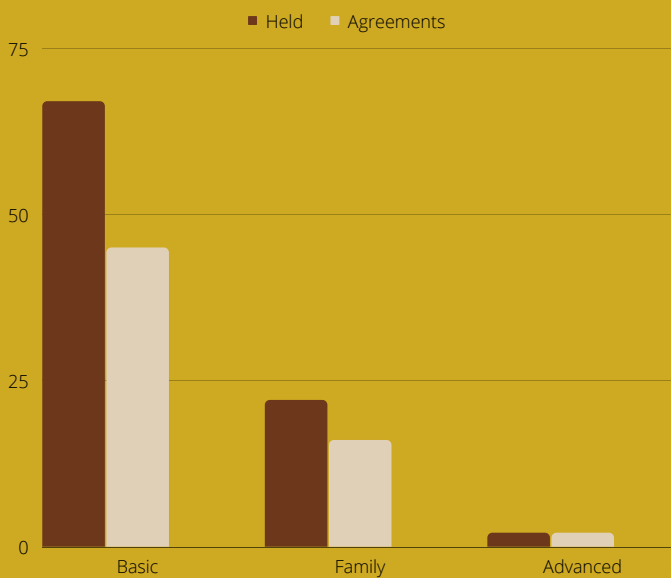
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FY 23 Case Summary



BASIC

73 Referred

67 Held

45 Agreements

FAMILY

37 Referred

22 Held

16 Agreements

ADVANCED

2 Referred

2 Held

2 Agreements

*Numbers reflect July 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022

*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement

