

CAUSE NO. _____

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER OF REFERRAL TO MEDIATION (CPS MATTER) AND
FOR PAYMENT OF EXPERT/MEDIATION FEES**

The above referenced case is referred to mediation in accordance with the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code and/or the Texas Family Code.

IT IS ORDERED that the Denton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (hereinafter referred to as DCAP) is appointed to conduct the mediation in the above matter. This matter is to be mediated through DCAP and all counsel are ordered to contact DCAP to arrange the logistics of mediation within ten business days. DCAP's address and telephone number are as follows:

512 W. Hickory, Suite 202
Denton, Texas 76201
(Metro) 940.320.1500
(Metro Fax) 940.320.1502
Email: executivedirector@dentonbar.com

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that _____
is selected as mediator in this cause, to mediate this matter.

This mediation is a mandatory settlement conference, conducted with the assistance of the mediator. A mediated settlement agreement can be made binding on the written agreement of the parties. Mediation is private, confidential, and privileged, except as provided by applicable law. After mediation, the Court will be advised by the mediator, the parties, and counsel only that the case did or did not settle. The mediator shall not be a witness and the mediator's records may not be subpoenaed or used as evidence. No subpoenas, citations, writs, or other process shall be served at or near the location of any mediation session on any person entering, leaving, or attending any mediation session. Each party and counsel shall be bound by any rules for mediation furnished by DCAP and shall complete and supply all information requested by DCAP.

IT IS ORDERED that all named parties and lead attorneys shall be present during the entire mediation process and that each corporate party must be represented by an executive officer with authority to negotiate a settlement. Counsel and parties are **ORDERED** to proceed in a good-faith effort to try to resolve this case and shall agree on a mediation date within the next 10 days. If no agreed date can be scheduled within the next 10 days, DCAP shall select a date for the mediation and all counsel and parties are **ORDERED** to appear as directed by

DCAP. Any date so scheduled by DCAP is incorporated in this Order as the date on which the mediation shall occur. Referral to mediation is not a substitute for trial, and the case will be tried if not settled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. That the parties notify DCAP in writing at least 21 days before the date of mediation, or immediately upon entry of this Order if the mediation is scheduled less than 21 days from the date of this Order, if there is any allegation, by either party, of domestic violence having been committed by either party, or any person attending the mediation, or if there is any reason the party believes his or her personal safety would be in jeopardy at mediation.
2. The Mediator shall be paid the sum of \$800.00 as compensation for their services in this cause from the General Fund of Denton County, Texas.
3. DCAP shall be paid the sum of \$200.00 for the mediation services ordered hereinabove from the General Fund of Denton County, Texas.

ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE PRESIDING