

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLAYTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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JACQUILINE D. WILLS
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

STANDING ORDER OF CLAYTON COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNDER O.C.G.A. 19-5-1 § AND 15-23-1 § ET.SEQ.

RE: COURT ANNEXED MEDIATION

Pursuant to the inherent powers of the Court, Uniform Superior Court Rule 1.2 and Department of Transportation v. City of Atlanta. et.al. 259 Ga.305 and in order to provide for the fair, efficient, and expeditious resolution of disputes

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT all parties in all civil actions, including but not limited to domestic relations actions as described and defined by Uniform Superior Court Rule 24.1 filed on or after May 1, 1996 are subject to referral to mediation.

THAT parties in every contested domestic matter shall be referred to mediation unless otherwise ordered by the assigned judge. All parties shall have the financial affidavit, child support worksheets and parenting plans, where applicable, as required by the Uniform Superior Court Rules present at the scheduled mediation and are directed to negotiate in good faith throughout the mediation process. See Exhibit "A" which describes the mediation procedure and other rules applicable thereto and which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by express reference.

THAT all parties in any contested civil matter may be referred to mediation and are directed to negotiate in good faith in connection therewith.

THAT upon a party's failure to engage in the mediation process in good faith pursuant to the rule, the assigned judge may take appropriate action, including but not limited to actions for contempt.

THAT for good cause shown, the assigned judge may waive the requirement of completion of this program in individual cases.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of January, 2018.

Signature appears on original.

GERONDA V. CARTER, Chief Judge

Signature appears on original.

SHANA M. ROOKS, Judge

Signature appears on original.

ROBERT L. MACK, JR., Judge

Signature appears on original.

AARON B. MASON, Judge

Signature appears on original.

KATHRYN L. POWERS, Judge