

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

_____	Petitioner)	
)	Family Division
v.)	
)	Case No. _____
_____	Respondent)	

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

This matter having come on to be heard on Petitioner's and/or Respondent's Petition for Mediation, or on the Court's own Motion, and it appearing that certain differences have arisen between the parties, and in accordance with this Court's policy requiring mediation of all custody/visitation disputes, NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That _____, who is on the list of approved mediators on file in the Chief Judge's office, is hereby appointed mediator in this cause.

- 2. That the parties select a mediator from the court-approved list of mediators on file in the Chief Judge's office within seven(7) days from the date of this Order, or upon failure to select a mediator, the Court shall select a mediator.

- 3. That the parties shall complete the parenting class within 14 days of this Order and prior to mediation, unless the Court finds good cause.

- 4. Each party shall contact the mediator within 7 days of the appointment of said mediator.

- 5. That the parties shall complete the mediation process within 35 days from the date of this Order, except that an extension may be granted by the Court upon a representation of the mediator that sufficient progress is being made in the mediation process and that additional time may be necessary to complete the mediation process, or upon application of either party if good cause is shown.

- 6. That neither attorney for either party will communicate with the mediator, other than to complete the Matrimonial and Family Mediation Referral Form; for scheduling purposes; providing documentation requested by the mediator; or for purposes of payment of the mediator's fees.

- 7. Only written discovery on issues not being mediated shall be allowed until mediation is terminated, except by order of the Court or agreement of the parties, and no investigation or examination pertaining to issues pending in mediation shall be ordered by the Court, except when the Court finds good cause.

8. In the event the party fails to attend mediation without good cause shown, the Court upon motion may impose sanctions, including but not limited to costs and attorney's fees.

9. When the mediation process has been concluded, terminated, or suspended, that fact shall be reported by the mediator to the Court within 10 days of the last mediation session, but the mediator shall not report the substance of any conversation with either of the parties during the mediation meetings, nor shall the mediator be called as a witness in these proceedings.

10. Each mediated agreement shall be presented by the parties or their attorneys (if any) to the Court within 45 days following the filing of the final Mediator's Report.

11. That the parties shall cooperate and make themselves available in any reasonable manner deemed necessary for the purposes of this Order.

12. That no hearing on custody/parenting time shall be held nor order entered until such time as the mediation process is completed.

13. The costs of mediation shall be divided as follows:

14. Status hearing set for _____, 20, ____ at _____ am/pm.

Entered this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

JUDGE
