

Party Name: _____

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

County: _____

Consent to Mediate

I understand mediation can be beneficial and can assist me in resolving my case more quickly and efficiently. By my signature below, I confirm that I am able to speak up and negotiate for myself, have no safety or security concerns for the mediation session, and I am able to enter into any agreement mediation voluntarily and without coercion. I affirm that if I have an attorney, I have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of mediation with my attorney and that all of my questions about the process have been answered. I further understand that even if I do not have an attorney, I have the right to have an attorney review this form with me at my own expense. I further affirm that I have reviewed this form entirely and that I understand the risks and benefits of proceeding to mediation. I consent to proceed with the mediation session having been fully informed of the following:

1. **Neutrality:** I understand that the role of the mediator is to serve as a neutral person to facilitate the discussion between me and the other party. I understand that the mediator will not coerce or control the outcome, allow abusive behavior, and will not in any way serve as an advocate for me or the other party. The mediator is not my lawyer and does not represent me, nor does the mediator represent any party in this proceeding.
2. **Confidentiality:** I understand the confidentiality of the mediation session and any limitations on the extent of confidentiality. I understand that while this process is generally confidential, there are exceptions to confidentiality.
3. **Termination:** I understand that the mediation session can be terminated at any time by either party (including myself) or the mediator.
4. **Legal counsel:** I understand that I may bring an attorney to the mediation or consult my attorney by telephone during the mediation as needed. If I do not have an attorney, I may bring a DV advocate.
5. **Expert advice:** I understand that the mediator will not provide any legal or financial advice to any party.
6. **Process:** I understand how mediation is conducted and that the mediation session may be conducted with parties in the same room, in separate rooms, or using virtual technology.
7. **Good faith:** I understand I am expected to negotiate in good faith and therefore should be prepared to make full disclosure of matters material to any agreement reached. I further

understand that good faith does not in any way require me to enter an agreement about which I have any reservations.

8. **Effect of agreement:** I understand that an agreement signed at mediation can have a significant effect on my rights and the status of the case, up to and including final settlement of the case.

signature/date of

Plaintiff or Defendant

signature/date of

Plaintiff attorney or Defendant attorney

Please return the completed form by email: tmc@mediationsavannah.com