

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER ADOPTING MEDIATION RULES OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT AND AMENDMENTS TO MEDIATION RULES

In order to facilitate the mediation process in the Paulding Judicial Circuit, it is HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

The Seventh Judicial Administrative District Mediation Rules ("Rules") attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted as the Rules of the Paulding Judicial Circuit. All counsel and parties shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the Rules as amended and referenced herein.

Attorneys SHALL attend mediation conferences with their clients.

In domestic relations actions parties and counsel shall strictly adhere to the provisions of Unif. Super. Ct. R. 24.2 regarding the preparation, filing, and service of the Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit (DRFA) and its use in the mediation process. In addition to the information as provided for in the DRFA, and in order to maximize the opportunity of resolution of issues at the time of mediation, each party or their counsel shall then make available to the mediator and the opposing party or attorney additional basic financial data, including forms W-2 and forms 1099 for all income for the preceding tax year, a copy of their federal income tax return for the past year, the most recent status reports on any form of retirement plans, IRAs or similar funds, and other easily accumulated data. Absent exigent circumstances, parties to a domestic relations action shall attend mediation prior to scheduling a temporary or final hearing. If a party in a domestic relations matter contends that a contested temporary hearing is required prior to mediation, the party shall allege with particularity in that party's pleading or separate motion what exigent circumstances would warrant a temporary hearing prior to mediation.

For clarification:

- (a) Rule 2(a)(1) is amended by striking Rule 2(a)(1) and providing in its place that unless otherwise ordered by the court, the first mediation conference shall occur within 60 days of service of process in contested domestic cases.
- (b) Rule 3(b)(1) shall include challenges to zoning decisions by governmental units.

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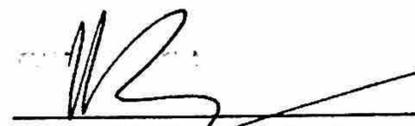
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(c) Matters involving the exercise of eminent domain by governmental or quasi-governmental units shall not be referred to mediation until after the filing of an appeal from any special master award therein.

(d) Where an action is prosecuted against a public entity which is comprised of an elected body or board and the individual members are named as defendants, then the appearance requirement of Rule 8(a) shall be satisfied if the mediation conference is attended by the parties' attorney and designated representative of the entity which is a party. In these particular actions "full authority to settle" would be construed as the authority to make a recommendation subject to approval by a governing authority, elected body, or board.

SO ORDERED, this 11TH day of August, 2017.


Tonny S. Beavers, Chief Judge
Superior Court
Paulding Judicial Circuit


Dean C. Bucci, Judge
Superior Court
Paulding Judicial Circuit


T. David Lyles, Judge
Superior Court
Paulding Judicial Circuit

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Trevia W. Shelton, Clerk of Superior Court