IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

O.W.,

Petitioner,

Civil Action File No. 2022CV361130
Honorable Shermela J. Williams

R.W.,

Respondent.

ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO MEDIATION

The above-captioned case having come before the Court on March 30, 2022, for a Status Hearing. As there are numerous unresolved issues, based upon review of the record and applicable authority, the Court finds that the Parties' interests and the orderly management of the Court's docket would be served by referring the above-styled case to mediation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Parties are directed to submit, *instanter*, the matters remaining at issue, in the above-styled case to mediation as provided by and through the Fulton County Alternative Dispute Resolution program. Accordingly, the Parties are DIRECTED to complete mediation by May 7, 2022.

PREPARING FOR & SCHEDULING MEDIATION

Both Parties must attend the mediation session. Each Party shall bring to the mediation:

1) A completed and updated Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit in compliance with Uniform Superior Court Rule 24.4; and 2) All documents sought by any notice to produce that has been served at least ten (10) days prior to the mediation session.

The parties shall arrange for mediation to be completed through the Fulton County

Alternative Dispute Resolution program by contacting the Fulton County Alternative

Dispute Resolution program (located at the Superior Court of Fulton County, 160 Pryor Street,

Suite JG26, Charles L. Carnes Justice Center Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303)

by phone at 404-612-4549 as early as possible. The parties shall split the associated costs of mediation equally. The parties may also elect to use a private mediator in lieu of the Fulton County ADR Program.

FOLLOWING MEDIATION

If the parties come to a mediated agreement, any party not represented by an attorney at the mediation session shall have the right to reject the agreement, rendering said agreement void, by giving written notice to the Fulton ADR Office within five (5) business days from the date of the execution of the agreement. If written notification of rejection is **not** received by the ADR Office within five (5) business days from the date of the execution of the agreement, the ADR Office shall present the agreement to the appropriate judge for approval and filing as an order of the Court. A party represented by an attorney at the mediation session does not have the right to reject the agreement.

For private mediation, and mediation through the Fulton ADR Program, parties must notify the Court of settlement within five (5) days of mediation.

In the event an agreement is **not** reached at mediation, the case will remain assigned to this division of Court for all pending and future motions, hearings, and trial calendars.

This Order does not stay any hearings, discovery, temporary orders, or any other aspects of the case.

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of April 2022.



Honorable Shermela J. Williams

Judge, Superior Court of Fulton County Atlanta Judicial Circuit

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