

SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF MAINE

DISTRICT COURT

\_\_\_\_\_, ss.

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

v. Plaintiff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

**NOTICE OF MEDIATION**

In the above matter the  Motion Pending  Divorce  Post-Judgment Motion  
 Complaint for child custody  \_\_\_\_\_  
has been set for mediation on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M. in the  
(Superior) (District) Court at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Each party is expected to be present with or without counsel and to make a good faith effort to mediate all disputed issues. Prior to that date, each party is expected to confer with counsel to determine what information is needed at the mediation session. A copy of the publication "Mediation of Divorce in Maine" is enclosed. In order to prepare your client for mediation and to maximize its success, please mail to your client the enclosed booklet and the notice of mediation.

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

IF THE COURT FINDS THAT EITHER PARTY FAILED TO MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO MEDIATE, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE PARTIES TO SUBMIT TO MEDIATION, MAY DISMISS THE ACTION OR ANY PART OF THE ACTION, MAY RENDER A DECISION OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT, MAY ASSESS ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS OR MAY IMPOSE ANY OTHER SANCTION THAT IS APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE COURT MAY ALSO IMPOSE ANY OTHER SANCTION UPON A PARTY'S FAILURE WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE TO APPEAR FOR MEDIATION AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE SCHEDULED TIME FOR MEDIATION.

If either party cannot attend, a written motion to continue must be filed with the Court within one week of this notice and presented by counsel to a Judge/Justice.

If both parties agree to cancel a scheduled mediation, notice must be given to the Clerk of Court at least 48 hours prior to mediation. If you do not cancel your mediation session and you do not appear for it, to schedule another mediation session you will be required to pay an additional \$120.00.

The State of Maine Child Support Guidelines law requires that prior to mediation the parties exchange a completed income affidavit and a worksheet. A complete copy of the law is available in the county courthouse libraries and from attorneys.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk

ENC.  
cc: Mediator--