

LASSEN SUPERIOR COURT, HALL OF JUSTICE, FAMILY COURT SERVICES

2610 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130 ~ (530)251-8205

Case Name: _____ **Joint Session or**

Case Number: _____ **Separate Sessions**

REQUEST FOR MEDIATION BY TELEPHONE

Mediation by telephone is provided by Lassen Superior Court, Family Court Services as a courtesy to parents of a custody and visitation dispute.

The following guidelines will apply in determining the appropriateness of Mediation over the telephone:

- Mediation over the telephone is offered in those cases in which one parent is unable to mediate in person due to distance or disability.
- The Mediator has the discretion to determine whether Mediation over the telephone is appropriate.
- If it is a joint session, one of the parents must be present at Family Court Services for the Mediation session.
- If it is a joint session, the parent that will be present at Family Court Services must be agreeable to the other parent participating by telephone.
- The parent who is participating in the Mediation by telephone will contact Family Court Services at the designated time of the appointment and will pay for any charges incurred as a result of the Mediation session.

As a participant Mediation by telephone, I understand and agree to the following:

- All rules, policies, and procedures for Family Court Services will remain in effect prior to and during the Mediation session.
- Mediation remains a confidential process. No one other than the parents involved in the custody and visitation dispute may be present or within hearing distance during Mediation session. This means stepparents, boyfriends, and girlfriends are **excluded** from the session. Sharing information about the Mediation session with anyone other than your attorney is prohibited.
- The Mediation session may not be recorded and the use of a speaker phone is prohibited.
- In the event the parent who is participating in Mediation by telephone is suspected of not abiding by the rules, the Mediator has the discretion to terminate the phone call and require future voluntary Mediation to be face to face at the Family Court Services office.

I am requesting Mediation by telephone for the following reason(s):

Mediation by telephone is scheduled for: _____ at _____.

I shall contact Family Court Services at 530-251-8205 on the day and time listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

cc: _____, Other Parent (*for joint sessions only*)