

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Petitioner/Plaintiff(s)

vs.

CASE NUMBER:

JUDGE:

Respondent/Defendant(s)

**ORDER APPOINTING COURT MEDIATOR IN COUNTY COURT (SMALL CLAIMS)**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court for the appointment of a mediator to coordinate and discuss settlement of this action.

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1.700-1.750 (MEDIATION), THE PARTIES SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE COURT MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PROGRAM WHICH SHALL SET THE HEARING, NOTICE THE PARTIES, AND PROVIDE A MEDIATOR

The general rules governing the settlement conference are:

- A. The appearance of all parties, and their counsel, is **MANDATORY**. The attorney must have been given by the client full and complete authority to settle if the Court has granted the absence of any party. If an insurance company is a party, a representative of that company shall also appear, having full and complete authority to dismiss the claim, and to pay up to the full amount of any counterclaim, and further, that the party representing the defendant has the authority to pay up to the full amount of the claim.
- B. The Court shall have the power to impose sanctions for failure to attend the conference, including the entry of an Order of Dismissal, without prejudice to the plaintiff, or entry of a default against a defendant.
- C. All discussions, representations and statements made in the mediation conference or in the furtherance of mediation shall be confidential and privileged commencing with the date of this Order.
- D. There shall be no charge to the parties for mediation services in Small Claims Court for services provided by the Court Mediation and Arbitration Program.

E. If a settlement or partial settlement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing in the presence of the mediator, signed by all parties or their counsel, and promptly submitted to the court.

F. All provisions contained in this Order may be enforced by contempt proceedings or other appropriate sanctions.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Broward County, Florida this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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COUNTY COURT JUDGE

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