

**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FAMILY MEDIATION PROGRAM  
MEDIATOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Your responses will be kept confidential. No case identification will be associated with these responses for purposes other than program evaluation. Thank you!

Mediator Name:

Judge:

County:

Date of Mediation:

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1. Number of cases for which you have acted as mediator prior to this one: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The mediation resulted in:

1 [ ] full settlement    2 [ ] partial settlement    3 [ ] no settlement

3. If mediation did not resolve the dispute, how close would you say you got to a settlement?

1 [ ] Not close            2 [ ] About halfway    3 [ ] Pretty close

**Please circle the number that relates to your response to the following statements.**

4. This case was appropriate for mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

5. The mother:            1 [ ] Had a lawyer    2 [ ] Did not have a lawyer

6. The mother was prepared adequately for mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

7. The father:            1 [ ] Had a lawyer    2 [ ] Did not have a lawyer

8. The father was prepared adequately for mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

9. Both parents were emotionally prepared for the mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

10. The lawyers had prepared their clients well for the mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

11. Prior to mediation, I was provided with sufficient information to mediate the case effectively:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

12. Overall, I am satisfied with what was accomplished in the mediation:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	

13. Overall, in the resolution of this case, the mediation was:

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- It had little impact on the case
- Somewhat detrimental
- Very detrimental

14. This case was referred to mediation:

- Too early
- At the right time
- Too late

15. Do you think the assignment of this case to mediation:

- Has *reduced* (or will reduce) litigation costs to the parties
- Will have *no effect* on costs to the parties
- Will *increase* litigation costs to the parties

16. Do you think the assignment of this case to mediation:

- Helped the case resolve *more quickly*
- Will have *no effect* on the time it takes to resolve the case
- Will *increase* the time it takes to resolve the case

17. If the case did not settle, why not? (Check all that apply)

- One or both parties did not participate fully
- Issues were too numerous
- Issues were too complex
- One or both parties were too entrenched in their positions
- One or both parties too emotional
- Not enough discovery had been completed
- One or both lawyers were too adversarial
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please check the actions you undertook in the mediation:

- Focused on the emotional aspects of the conflict
- Helped parties generate their own options
- Helped parties talk directly with one another
- Recommended possible options for settlement
- Talked with parties individually more than jointly
- Advocated on behalf of the children
- Talked with parties jointly more than individually
- Gave an opinion of the likely outcome
- Focused on future communication between the parties
- Reduced conflict by having parties talk directly to you

19. Comments on the program: