IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
_____ COUNTY, ILLINOIS

_____ Petitioner	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Case No. _____
_____ Respondent	)	

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

This matter is before the court on Petitioner's and/or Respondent's Petition for Mediation, or on the Court's own Motion, and it appearing that certain differences have arisen between the parties, and in accordance with this Court's policy requiring mediation of all disputes regarding allocation of parental responsibilities, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The parties are to select a mediator from the Court-approved list of mediators on file in the Clerk's office.

2. The parties shall select a mediator from said list within seven (7) days from the date of this Order, or upon failure to select a mediator, the Court shall select a mediator.

3. The parties shall complete the mediation process within thirty-five (35) days from the date of this Order, except that an extension may be granted by the Court, upon a representation of the mediator that sufficient progress is being made in the mediation process and that additional time may be necessary to complete the mediation process, or upon application of either party if good cause is shown.

4. Neither attorney for either party may initiate communication with the mediator, other than to complete the Matrimonial and Family Mediation Referral Form.

5. Only written discovery on issues not being mediated shall be allowed until mediation is terminated, except by order of the Court or agreement of the parties.

6. No investigation or examination pertaining to issues pending in mediation shall be ordered by the Court, except when the Court finds good cause.

7. In the event the party fails to attend mediation without good cause shown, the Court upon motion, may impose sanctions, including but not limited to costs and attorneys' fees.

8. When the mediation process has been concluded, terminated, or suspended, that fact shall be reported by the mediator to the Court. The mediator shall not report the substance of any conversation with either of the parties during the mediation meetings, nor be called as a witness in the proceeding or related proceedings.

9. The parties shall cooperate and make themselves available in any reasonable manner deemed necessary for the purposes of this Order.

10. No hearing regarding permanent allocation of parental responsibility regarding decision-making or parenting time shall be set until such time as the mediation process is completed.

11. The court retains the authority to reject any mediated agreement.

Entered:

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Judge