



## CONSENT TO MEDIATE

*We will attempt, in good faith, to resolve our issues through mediation and agree to the following guidelines:*

1. Mediation is an alternative to court.
2. The parties will speak respectfully to and about each other and will listen without interrupting. Disruptive body language, violence, weapons and recording devices cannot be permitted during the mediation session.
3. The mediators are neutral and will not give any solutions or advice about the issues being discussed; their role is to guide the parties through the mediation process and to enforce the ground rules.
4. Parties with questions regarding their legal rights may wish to speak to an attorney. The CRC cannot give an opinion regarding the legal effect of this consent or any agreement that is reached.

## STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Mediation is confidential in the sense that a mediator cannot be forced to tell the court what you or the other participant said during your session. If you cannot reach an agreement in mediation, the mediator will not tell the court why that was the case.
2. There are, however, a few important exceptions to confidentiality: a mediator must report abuse or neglect of children, the elderly or the disabled that is revealed during mediation; a judge may require a mediator to tell him or her about any felonies discussed during mediation; and, a mediator may also be required to report serious threats of harm to persons or property made during mediation.

I consent to use electronic means of communication to complete this agreement.

**I understand the material contained in this form, agree to abide by its terms, and consent to participate in the mediation process.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_