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**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

  **§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

 **Petitioner/Movant §**

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**v. §** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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 **Respondent/Movant §** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY, TEXAS**

AGREED ORDER for REFERRAL OF SPECIFIC MATTER TO SPECIAL JUDGE

This Court has examined this *Agreed Order for Referral to a Special Judge*. Having considered the parties agreed request for referral of this case to a special judge under Chapter 151 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, the Court finds that:

1. The parties have no right to a trial by jury in the issues identified below; and
2. The parties agree in the interest of judicial economy upon and request referral to the special judge Hon. Roy B. Ferguson, who served as a district court judge for twelve years, has developed substantial experience in the areas of law involved in this case, has not been removed from office or sanctioned as an attorney or judge, and has agreed to hear the case for the identified fees.

 IT IS ORDERED that this request is hereby GRANTED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Hon. Roy B. Ferguson [SBN 00792500, 1400 McKinney St., Suite 2803, Houston, TX 77010, 432-295-1659, judge.roy.ferguson@gmail.com] is appointed for the issues identified below as special judge under Tex.Civ.Prac.&Rem.Code § 151.001, with all powers and duties thereunder. The parties agree to pay all fees and expenses for the special judge, which have been disclosed to and agreed by the parties. These fees and expenses shall be paid directly to the special judge in equal amounts by the parties, shall where practicable and as directed by the special judge be paid in advance, and shall be taxed as costs in this case.
2. The following issue(s) are referred for hearing by the special judge:

1. The special judge shall have the authority of scheduling, considering, deciding, and entering orders regarding the above-described issue(s).
2. IT IS ORDERED that further consideration of the specified issue(s) by this Court is stayed during the pendency of proceedings before the special judge, and all parties shall report back to this Court when the matter has been completed.
3. The special judge shall set the time and place of trial and all court proceedings, render a decision as provided by law and as pled by each party in their respective pleadings or motions on file with the Court, issue a ruling and submit it to the referring court within 3 days of issuance, which shall stand as the ruling of the referring court. All parties and counsel have agreed to attend sessions as directed by the special judge and the special judge shall proceed in the absence of a party if a party elects not to attend.
4. IT IS ORDERED that the original of all motions and submissions related to the referred issue(s) shall be filed with the District Clerk in the county of venue, and concurrently provided to the special judge and to opposing counsel at the time of filing. IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding shall be conducted under the Texas Rules of Evidence and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. IT IS ORDERED that the special judge shall follow all provisions of the Texas Family Code and all applicable case law when rendering his judgment.

SIGNED on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 JUDGE PRESIDING

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| AGREED AND ENTRY REQUESTED: |  |  |
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| [NAME][COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER/MOVANT] |  | [NAME][COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT] |

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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| [PETITIONER/MOVANT] |  | [RESPONDENT] |