

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
FAMILY COURT,  
31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**



**JUVENILE DIVISION**  
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**TERMS OF MEDIATION**

The undersigned participants are hereby in compliance with the court's order to mediate by participating in a mediation session in effort to achieve permanency for the child(ren) involved as quickly as possible. The participants agree to the following terms with regard to the mediation session:

1. We understand the purpose of the mediator is to attempt to assist the participants to reach a settlement agreement. The mediator is not a judge and will not make a decision with regard to the issues and does not give legal advice. Rather, the mediator is impartial, and will try to help the participants come to their own agreement and understanding. The participants are free and encouraged to seek legal advice from an attorney.
2. We understand that the mediator may terminate the session at any time for any reason.
3. The Greene County Juvenile Court's Mediation Program is conducting this mediation, and is represented by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the Co-Mediators. The participants agree and consent that if an agreement is reached, a copy of that mediation agreement will be submitted to the parties and their attorneys. The mediator will inform the Court in writing if the parties participated in mediation and if an agreement was reached.
4. Mediation proceedings are considered confidential settlement negotiations. The participants agree that all communications and statements made during the mediation process are to be considered by all participants as confidential. However, any understanding or agreements reached by the parties will be reduced to writing, executed by the parties, filed with the court, seen by the judge, and potentially ordered by the court.
5. Pursuant to Missouri law, section 435.014 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, mediators are not to be subpoenaed or otherwise compelled to disclose any matter discussed in the mediation process, except as consented by the participants or required by law. Mediators are mandated reporters and must report to the appropriate authorities any disclosure by an individual of intent to harm themselves or others or reports of child abuse or neglect.

Mediators will be guided by Supreme Court Rules 17 and 88 and their directives. Pursuant to Rule 88.06(a), please be advised that:

- a. There will be no cost to you for the mediation session(s).
- b. The mediator does not represent either or both parties.
- c. The process of mediation is a non-binding process involving a mediator who acts as a facilitator to assist the parties to craft a mutually acceptable resolution. The mediator will further explain this process at our first meeting.
- d. The mediator does not know the parties and is unaware of any relationship with the parties nor is there any personal, financial or other interests that could result in a bias or conflict of interest, that the mediator has not otherwise disclosed to you and which you have waived.
- e. The mediator is required to advise each party to obtain independent legal advice.
- f. The mediator will disclose to the attorneys in the case any factual documentation revealed during mediation if at the end of the mediation process the disclosure is agreed to by the parties.
- g. The mediator will make every effort to ensure that the parties consider fully the best interests of any children involved and that the parties understand the consequences of any decision they reach concerning any children.

Mother	DATE
Father	DATE
Mother's Attorney	DATE
Father's Attorney	DATE
Juvenile Office Attorney /Deputy Juvenile Officer	DATE
Children's Division Worker/Attorney	DATE
Guardian Ad Litem	DATE
CASA	DATE
Mediator	DATE
Mediator	DATE
Other	DATE