

SAMPLE ORDER FOR CUSTODY, VISITATION & CHILD SUPPORT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ARKANSAS

NAME

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NO. DR 2016- ###

NAME

DEFENDANT

MEDIATION ORDER

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-7-202(b), the parties are hereby ordered and directed to participate in mediation of [specify all issues or specific issues] which are pending before the Court. The parties may choose an appropriate mediator from the Roster of Certified Mediators provided by the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission. In the alternative, the parties may select a mediator who is not on the Commission's Roster and submit the name of the mediator to the Court for approval.

A copy of the Roster and more information about the program is available at [AV Mediation Program](#). The attorneys may contact Stephanie Smith at the Administrative Office of the Courts (501) 682-9400, if there are any questions. Within ____ days of this order, the attorneys for the parties shall provide the Court, in writing, with the name of the selected mediator and the date(s) of the mediation.

The attorneys may contact Ashley Faust, Director of the Arkansas Access and Visitation Mediation Program at avmediation@arcourts.gov to determine if their clients qualify for free or reduced cost mediation services through the program. In the event the parties do not qualify for mediation services through the Access and Visitation Mediation Program, the costs of the mediation shall be *[equally divided or apportioned in some other way]* among the parties.

Within ____ days of completion of mediation, the attorneys for the parties shall notify the Court regarding the status of the pending issues.