



The Mediation Center

Finding common ground.

CONSENT TO MEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I agree to participate in mediation, a voluntary process, and to work in good faith to resolve the conflicts brought to The Mediation Center. I also agree:

- I have no weapons in the building or on my person and I will not use any electronic recording devices, cell phones or pagers in the mediation session.
- I will not involve the mediators, staff or records of the Mediation Center in any claim or court proceeding by subpoena, deposition or otherwise. I agree that the mediators and staff of the Center will be held harmless for any claim arising from the mediation process.
- I am free to seek the advice of an attorney or other professional that might assist me in understanding my options. I understand the mediators offer no financial or legal advice and offer no opinion regarding the legal effects of any resolution that is reached in mediation.
- Discussions in mediation are confidential EXCEPT for information regarding abuse or neglect of children or disabled adults *. An exception may also occur when ordered by a Judge seeking information about unrelated felonies discussed in mediation.**
- The Mediation Center reserves the right to report to law enforcement any crime committed on the premises or credible threats of harm to self or others.
- When a case is referred by Civil or Criminal Courts, the Center must report the outcome of the mediation to the Court. Only the outcome is reported to Court, not the details of what was discussed during mediation. It is the responsibility of the parties to pay any court fees directly to the Clerk of Courts.
- During mediation, I agree to speak and listen respectfully to others, and to avoid shouting or verbal attacks. All written notes will be shredded at the end of the mediation.

Date: _____

Sign: _____

*(GS 7A-543 & 108A-102) **(GS 8-110).

The Mediation Center may contact you in the future to follow-up on any resolution from the mediation. Your comments will be kept confidential.