

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION

\_\_\_\_\_, )  
Plaintiff )  
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)  
vs. ) FD No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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)  
\_\_\_\_\_, )  
Defendant )  
)  
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**ORDER OF COURT FOR APPOINTMENT OF A MASTER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it is hereby ORDERED  
that:

1. The above-captioned action is referred to a permanent master (Master), who shall hear testimony and return a Report and Recommendation concerning all pending issues.
2. The procedure for the Master's hearing is controlled by Administrative Order of Court No. 129 of 1994, as amended subsequently, and by the PA Rules of Civil Procedure.
3. This case is set for \_\_\_\_\_ days of hearing, at the current applicable rate.
  - The plaintiff shall pay the entire fee OR
  - The defendant shall pay the entire fee OR
  - The parties shall equally share the master's fees OR
  - The parties shall share the master's fee, with plaintiff paying \_\_\_\_\_ percent and the defendant paying \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
4. The Master's fee must be paid within 10 business days of this Order, by check or money order made payable to "Master". If fees are not paid in full by that date, the

parties will need to obtain another order to schedule the Equitable Distribution hearing. If either party submitted a check for their proportionate amount of the fee, the check will be returned to that party or attorney.

5. Once the fee is paid in full, the Court will issue a scheduling order. **The Master's fee is non-refundable once the case is scheduled for hearing.**

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_, J.