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

_____ ,
Plaintiff/Petitioner
VS. Case Number: FD _____
_____ .
Defendant/Respondent

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF GENERATIONS MEDIATION ORIENTATION SESSION BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR CHILD ABUSE

Pennsylvania law provides that a party in a custody action will NOT be required to **mediate** if either they or their child(ren) has been the subject of domestic violence or child abuse within 24 months preceding the filing of a custody action. If you and/or your child has been such a victim and you desire **not to attend mediation**, you must complete this form and return it to the Custody Department immediately. If you have received a Protection From Abuse order (PFA order), a copy of it should also be returned with this completed form. You are also responsible for mailing a copy of this form and any PFA order to the opposing party at the same time you mail it to the Custody Department at: Family Law Center, 440 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, PA. 15219.

If a mediation session is waived, a custody conciliation shall be scheduled in its place, where all parties on the case must appear to address the moving party's custody request.

I, (name), hereby verify under penalty of perjury that I or my child has been the subject of domestic violence or child abuse within the past 24 months. Accordingly, I request that my mediation orientation session be canceled.

I verify that the statements made herein are true and correct. I understand that false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A.§4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

_____
Signature

_____
Date

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENT OF WAIVER: If the opposing party has averred through use of this form that he or she or one of your children is the victim of domestic violence or child abuse and that therefore mediation should be canceled, you may contest that determination by filing an appropriate motion in Family Division Motions Court. If your motion is granted, the mediation session canceled because of this notice may be rescheduled. Make sure you place your motion in proper form and give the opposing party at least seven days notice of its presentation.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM:

_____ (name) has been ordered to attend a mediation session at Generations on _____ (date).

Check the appropriate items below:

☐ I have completed the Education seminar on _____ (date).

☐ I have received a court waiver from the Motions Court excusing me from attending the Generations mediation session on _____ (date) for reasons other than domestic violence.

☐ I cannot attend a joint session with the other party due to issues of domestic violence.

☐ I have enclosed a copy of my Protection from Abuse order obtained in the past 24 months.

☐ I have enclosed a copy of other formal charges filed, pending, or adjudicated regarding domestic violence or child abuse:

Filed	_____	_____	_____
	type of charge	date filed	case number
Pending	_____	_____	_____
	type of charge	date filed	case number
Adjudicated	_____	_____	_____
	type of charge	date of adjudication	case number

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-Confidential information and documents.

Submitted by:
Signature:
Name:
Attorney No.:
(if applicable)

Petitioner Information
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