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CAUSE NUMBER: 94S00-0702-MS-49

ORDER AMENDING RULES FOR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, Rule 2.5 of the *Indiana Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution* is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

INDIANA RULES FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Rule 2.5. Qualifications of Mediators

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(B) ***Domestic Relations Cases: Educational Qualifications.***

(1) Subject to approval of the court, in which the case is pending, the parties may agree upon any person to serve as a mediator.

(2) In domestic relations cases, a registered mediator must be either: (a) an attorney, in good standing with the Supreme Court of Indiana; (b) a person who has a bachelor's degree or advanced degree from an ~~accredited institution of higher learning~~ institution recognized by a U.S. Department of Education approved accreditation organization, e.g. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Notwithstanding the provisions of (2)(a) and (b) above, any licensed professional whose professional license is currently suspended or revoked by the

respective licensing agency, or has been relinquished voluntarily while a disciplinary action is pending, shall not be a registered mediator.

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This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2008.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the clerk of each circuit court in the state of Indiana; Attorney General of Indiana; Legislative Services Agency and its Office of Code Revision; Administrator, Indiana Supreme Court; Administrator, Indiana Court of Appeals; Administrator, Indiana Tax Court; Public Defender of Indiana; Prosecuting Attorney's Council; Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission; Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Continuing Legal Education; Indiana Board of Law Examiners; Indiana Judicial Center; Division of State Court Administration; Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program; the libraries of all law schools in this state; the Michie Company; and the West Group.

The West Group is directed to publish this Order in the advance sheets of this Court.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts are directed to bring this Order to the attention of all judges within their respective counties and to post this Order for examination by the Bar and general public.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of September, 2007.

Randall T. Shepard

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Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.