

**ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT, PIMA COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_ )                    **Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner, )

)

**and** )

)                    **ORDER APPOINTING**

\_\_\_\_\_ )                    **PARENTING COORDINATOR**

Respondent. )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

**1. APPOINTMENT OF PARENTING COORDINATOR**

The parents having agreed to and the Court having considered the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator,

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed as the Parenting Coordinator in this case for a term of \_\_\_\_ year, pursuant to Rule 74, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure. The Parenting Coordinator has the authority and responsibility set forth in Rule 74, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, and in the attached information sheet describing the role and duties of the Parenting Coordinator. Where the order refers to a child, the order includes all minor children of the parents unless otherwise specified.

## 2. SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Parenting Coordinator has full authority to make findings and binding decisions consistent with Rule 74, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Parenting Coordinator has the authority to:

- A. interview the child;
- B. interview all members of the immediate or extended families or households of both parents;
- C. interview and request the participation of any and all persons whom the Parenting Coordinator deems to have relevant information or to be useful participants in the process, including but not limited to doctors, therapists, school personnel, or child care providers;
- D. recommend that the Court order the parents or the child to participate in ancillary services including but not limited to physical or psychological examinations or assessments, counseling, and alcohol or drug monitoring and testing;
- E. make findings and recommendations for a Court order on any other related issue;  
and
- F. have access to:
  - (i) all teacher reports, and school and medical records of the children, and
  - (ii) all psychological testing or evaluations concerning the children and parents.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parents execute the appropriate releases in order for the Parenting Coordinator to obtain the release of documents the Parenting Coordinator deems necessary to the performance of the Parenting Coordinator's services.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Parenting Coordinator cannot make a decision that will affect child support, spousal maintenance, or the allocation of property or debt. The Parenting Coordinator may not change legal decision-making, effect a substantial change in parenting time, or modify legal decision-making but may make recommendations to the Court in those areas.

3. **EMERGENCY AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE:**

If, based upon personal observation, the Parenting Coordinator determines that a parent's functioning is impaired and the parent is incapable of fulfilling either the court-ordered legal decision-making or parenting functions, or the parent's conduct will expose the child to an imminent risk of irreparable harm, a Parenting Coordinator is authorized to file a motion for temporary orders without notice pursuant to Rule 48, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

4. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

There is no confidentiality relating to the Parenting Coordinator's communications with each parent, the child, and any other relevant person contacted concerning the Parenting Coordinator's activities, findings, recommendations, or binding decisions.

**5. HEARINGS PRECLUDED**

The parents have agreed to the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator. Therefore, the parents cannot litigate before the Court issues within the Parenting Coordinator's scope and authority, except as set forth in Rule 74(j), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

**6. PROCEDURE**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that both parents participate in the dispute resolution processes conducted by the Parenting Coordinator and cooperate with the decisions of the Parenting Coordinator.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parents keep the Parenting Coordinator and the Court advised of their residential and mailing addresses and telephone numbers for work, home, and school for themselves and their children, as well as any other pertinent information requested by the Parenting Coordinator.

**7. REPORTS**

The Parenting Coordinator's recommendation or decision on an issue must be written in a form substantially similar to the Parenting Coordinator's Report in Rule 97, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parents pay the Parenting Coordinator in accordance with the fee agreement with the Parenting Coordinator.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Superior Court Judge