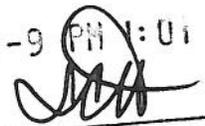


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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL**

**IN THE MATTER OF UNIFORM)
CASE MANAGEMENT FOR SELF)
REPRESENTED FAMILY COURT)
LITIGANTS AND AUTHORIZING)
EARLY RESOLUTION PROGRAM)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2009 - 63**

Whereas, Rule 66(D) – (F), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, require the parties in any Family Court action to consider alternative dispute resolution (hereafter referred to as “ADR”) no later than ninety days following the first appearance of a respondent; that the parties confer either in person or by telephone about the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of the case and whether they might benefit from participating in some alternative dispute resolution process; that the attorneys and all unrepresented parties who have appeared in the case are responsible for attempting in good faith to settle the case or agree upon an appropriate alternate dispute resolution process in their case; and authorize the Court to direct the parties to submit disputed issues to an alternate dispute resolution program; and

Whereas, Rule 68(E), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, provides that Conciliation Services may approve, establish or administer other services designed to assist the parties or the Court in resolving a dispute; and

Whereas Rule 73, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, provides for family law conference officers to conduct ADR conferences; and

Whereas, Rule 76, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, authorizes the Court to schedule one or more resolution management conferences to expedite the disposition of the action, to avoid delay from lack of management of the case, to discourage wasteful pretrial activities, and to improve the quality of the trial through more thorough preparation; and directs the parties to meet and confer to resolve as many issues as possible, comply with disclosure requirements, prepare and file a written resolution statement, and comply with ADR reporting requirements; and

Whereas, the Family Court has a high percentage of self-represented litigants that have difficulty understanding and complying with complex Court rules and procedures; and delay of prompt resolution of these

cases results in further conflict, instability and harm to children and family relationships; and

Whereas, the implementation of a uniform case management plan is necessary in these cases to effectively and timely adjudicate the issues and prevent delay and confusion to the parties.

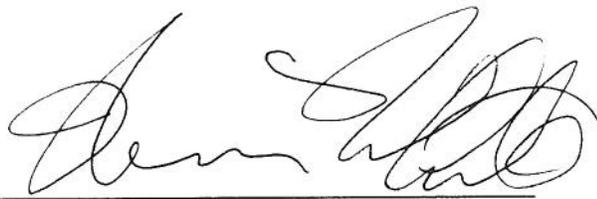
IT IS ORDERED:

1. Conciliation Court Services is authorized to establish and implement an early intervention program to provide assistance in all Family Court cases involving one or more self-represented litigants to settle and resolve disputed issues, to assist the parties in memorializing agreements for presentation to the Court, to assist the Court in case management, and to work with the assigned divisions to schedule trial dates and other events to finalize cases.

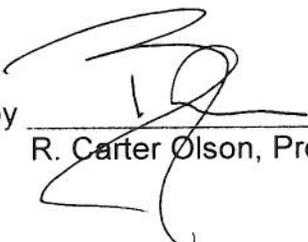
2. This early intervention program shall be conducted by attorneys trained to mediate and conduct settlement negotiations in family law cases, and may include the involvement of other personnel from Conciliation Court Services in an effort to resolve and manage self-represented cases in a timely and judicious manner.

3. This early intervention program shall be known as the "Early Resolution Program" and shall be conducted in accordance with family law statutes, Court rules, and department policy, and to be amended as authorized by the Family Court Presiding Judge.

DATED this ^{4th} ~~19th~~ day of ^{June} ~~May~~, 2009.



Hon. Kevin D. White, Presiding Judge
Family Court Department

Approved by 
R. Carter Olson, Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Diana R. Hegyi, Director, Family Services of the Conciliation Court