

FAMILY LAW ADR PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM AND AGREEMENT

SELECT ONE:

MEDIATION **BINDING ARBITRATION**

-- IF UNABLE TO AGREE, MEDIATION WILL BE SELECTED --

In the case of: _____ Case No.: _____
(Name of case, for example "Marriage of Clark")

PETITIONER: _____
(Print Name Above)

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

RESPONDENT: _____
(Print Name Above)

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

1. We agree to pay \$50 per party (\$100 per couple) directly to the neutral immediately upon assignment by the program and receipt of the neutral's name and address. We understand that the mediation or arbitration appointment will not be set until the neutral receives payment and the calendar of availability from both parties. This payment is in exchange for a single session not to exceed ninety (90) minutes. We understand that only one session will qualify for this reduced hourly rate, and there is no guarantee that all issues will be addressed at the first session. We further understand that we may arrange for and pay for additional sessions at the neutral's regular hourly rate. We also understand that the first session must be held within 45 days of the mediator or arbitrator receiving the payment or the payment shall be forfeited.
2. We understand that it is our responsibility to seek a continuance (postponement) of any pending court dates and/or court orders, if needed.
3. We understand that the mediation offered through this program is not meant as a substitute for mandatory mediation offered by Family Court Services as required by law in matters where child custody and related issues are involved. We understand that neither the San Mateo County Superior Court nor the Bar Association promises that we will reach an agreement during mediation and that the neutral cannot represent either party.
4. We understand that the arbitration offered through this program requires the parties to agree to proceed with the neutral acting as a judge pro tempore (temporary judge) and to sign a Stipulation and Order for the Appointment of a Temporary Judge prior to the first session.

Petitioner's Signature _____ Date: _____

Respondent's Signature _____ Date: _____