NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
CVD

, v.	Plaintiff,	/	OTICE TO ATTEND CUSTODY MEDIATION
,	Defendant.))	

TO THE PARTIES, _____, OR THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 50-13.1, the above-captioned case has been set for mandatory mediation of all custody and visitation issues. Notice is hereby given to the parties to appear on ______ at _____.m. in Courtroom _____ of the ______. All parties are required to be present at this time to participate in an orientation program developed by the Court. Parties who fail to comply with this notice may be subject to the contempt powers of the court. Please allow at least two hours for this program.

The orientation program will focus on the purposes of mediation and the pursuit of the following goals:

- 1. To reduce acrimony that exists between the parties to a dispute involving custody or visitation of a minor child.
- 2. The development of custody and visitation agreements that are in the child's best interest.
- 3. To provide the parties with informed choices and, where possible, to give parties the responsibility for making decisions about custody and visitation.
- 4. To provide a structured, confidential, non-adversarial setting that will facilitate cooperative resolution and minimize the stress and anxiety to which the parties, and especially the child, are subjected.
- 5. To reduce the re-litigation of custody and visitation disputes.

Mediation is an efficient, economical alternative to traditional litigation and provides for prompt resolution of disputes, and appropriate forum for resolving the complex and highly emotional issues involved in custody and visitation cases.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO CUSTODY MEDIATION: phone #:_____.

This the _____ day of _____, 20___.

Attorney for Defendant

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served a copy of the Notice to Attend Custody Mediation by depositing the same this day into the United States Mail, Postage Prepaid, and addressed as follows:

This the ______ day of ______, 20____.

Attorney for Defendant