

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MECOSTA

_____,

Plaintiff,

v

_____,

Defendant.

_____ /

Case No. _____

[] Hon. Scott Hill-Kennedy

[] Hon. Kimberly L. Booher

**PRETRIAL/SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE ORDER**

Plaintiff(s) Counsel: _____

Defendant(s) Counsel: _____

TRIAL DURATION: This [**Bench**] / [**Jury**] trial will be of ____ day(s) duration.

ISSUES:

() The issues for trial are as stated in the pleadings.

() The issues for trial include:

PLEADINGS:

() Counsel agreed that the status of the pleadings, pending discovery, are satisfactory; Parties agree without waiving any challenges to the content of the pleadings.

() The pleadings will be in final form as follows:

DISCOVERY:

() All discovery must be complete no later than ____ days following the date of conference.

() Discovery shall be completed pursuant to the following schedule:

() There is no need for further discovery.

MOTION DEADLINE: **All** motions must be filed as follows:

() days following conference.

() Other.

NOTE: **Motions briefs are mandatory and must be filed within the time limits set by court rule. Judge’s Copy must be sent to 49th Circuit Court, 400 Elm Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307.**

WITNESS AND EXHIBIT DISCLOSURE:

() The parties must exchange and file a list of witnesses and must exchange exhibits and file a list of exhibits no later than ____ days following the date of conference.

() The parties agree as follows:

NOTE: **In domestic relations cases involving property division issues, the parties must file and exchange inventories of all marital assets and debts, including values and amounts within the time for filing of exhibits or as otherwise noticed by the court.**

JURY INSTRUCTIONS/TRIAL BRIEFS:

Written requests for jury instructions, with supporting authorities as are necessary, must be filed no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first scheduled trial date.

Trial Briefs: **Optional** in *Jury* cases; **Mandatory** in *Bench* cases and must be filed no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first scheduled trial date.

JURY TRIAL VOIR DIRE:

All jury voir dire must be conducted in conformity with Mecosta/Osceola Counties Policy/Procedure 2014-02, “Circuit Court, Probate Court and District Court Jury Voir Dire.”

SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS: Appear to be _____.

CASE EVALUATION:

() By Stipulation.

() Ordered by the Court.

() Case evaluation may later be raised by stipulation or motion.

() This case is not appropriate for case evaluation.

FACILITATED MEDIATION:

- () By Stipulation.
- () Ordered by the Court.
- () Facilitated mediation may later be raised by stipulation or motion.
- () This case is not appropriate for facilitated mediation.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Stipulations, consolidations/severance of actions and issues, settlement conferences or other matters of importance to preparation for trial or progress of the cases:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. Counsel and the parties are hereby notified that further processing of this case may be conducted by the undersigned or by an assigned visiting judge depending upon the requirements of the case and the availability of docket time. An expeditious, and yet fair disposition of the case is the principal objective of the docketing and assignment of the Judges process.
2. Counsel and the parties are encouraged to use teleconferencing or video conferencing for certain conferences and brief motions not requiring testimony. Leave of the court shall be sought before initiating teleconferencing to facilitate scheduling.
3. **Any party being of the opinion that his/her position has not been correctly stated or who feels that this summary is incorrect in any way may write a letter to the County Clerk where the case is pending, correctly stating such position, with copies to opposing counsel and the court within ten (10) days of receipt of this summary.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

[] Hon. Scott Hill-Kennedy (P41542)

[] Hon. Kimberly L. Booher (P52670)

Circuit Court Judge

HELD BY PHONE WITH JUDGE/ASSIGNMENT CLERK: YES ____ NO ____

(IF HELD BETWEEN COUNSEL ONLY, PLEASE SIGN BELOW):

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
