IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

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ORDER FOR INTERLOCUTORY PARENTING COORDINATION

It has been determined by the Court that the parties would benefit from utilizing a Parenting Coordinator (PC) during the pendency of the above-style action, in order to:

* Promote a cooperative relationship between parents on behalf of their child,
* Educate the parents regarding the impact of their behaviors on their child(ren)’s development,
* Reduce parental conflict through anger management, communication and conflict resolutions skills,
* Reduce or eleminate inappropriate parental behaviors to reduce stress for the child(ren),
* Diminish the child(ren)’s sense of loyalty binds,
* Identify contribution to conflict and increase impulse control,
* Encourage both parents to maintain an ongoing, healthy relationship with their child(ren),
* Work with both parents in developing a detailed plan for issues such as discipline, decision-making, communication, etc.,
* Create a more relaxed home atmosphere allowing the child(ren) to adjust within the new family structure, and
* Collaborate with professionals involved in order to offer coordinated services.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that both parties shall participate in parenting coordination with Atlanta Divorce and Parent, LLC (ADAP) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The initial individual sessions with each parent shall be considered an assessment of the nature, severity, and harmfulness of the conflict. If the PC determines that parenting coordination would not be productive or helpful, or that a different type of intervention would better serve the family, ADAP will communicate that in writing to the parties (with a recommendation) and may decline to continue with the parenting coordination case. ADAP may provide other referrals for the parties to fulfill the court order. If the parties wish to continue working with ADAP in an intervention that is more suited for their situation, they must either (1) ask the court to order a different intervention via a modified court order; or (2) review ADAP’s recommendation with their attorneys and sign a contract for a different intervention upon their attorneys’ written approval.

Parenting coordination is a pre-paid service. Services may be obtained on a flat fee or hourly/retainer basis. Fees will be allocated in the following way:

[ ]  Plaintiff/Petitioner will pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% and Defendant/Respondent will pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of the fees associated with Parenting Coordination.

OR

[ ]  Plaintiff/Petitioner will pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% and Defendant/Respondent will pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of the fees associated with Joint Parenting Coordination and will each be responsible for their Individual PC Sessions.

The parties shall abide by the fee collection policies outlined in ADAP’s parenting coordination contract and Financial Policies with regard to billing and payment, which parties will read and sign upon engaging with ADAP.

The PC will facilitate negotiation between the parties for all areas identified areas of conflict; however, if after a period of negotiation the parties cannot come to an agreement, the PC will provide a recommendation to reduce or eliminate conflict around the issue. The parties are expected to follow the PC’s recommendations in all areas as long as those recommendations are *not* in opposition to the spirit of any existing court order, which means that no additions or changes via the PC’s recommendations shall deny either party his/her court-ordered parenting time or finaincial responsibilities for the children, or create a hardship to either parent that was not intended by any order of the court. Any question regarding the spirit of the parenting plan will be directed to the parties’ attorneys if the PC’s recommendations are in question by either party. Subsequent communication between the PC and the attorneys will take place to clear up the recommendation in question to avoid further conflict.

The parties and/or counsel are directed to provide a copy of this order to ADAP (Erica@AtlDiv.com) within 30 days of this order to initiate the parenting coordination process. If after sixty (60) days from the date of this order ADAP has been unable to engage both parties in parenting coordination, ADAP may communicate with the parties in writing with a copy to the Judge’s staff attorney, explaining why they have been unable to begin, and ADAP will at that time be released from this order until further direction from the court.

 Parenting coordination is NOT confidential, as it is a psychoeducational intervention and an alternative form of dispute resolution designed to provide parents with the tools necessary to minimize their use of litigation to resolve conflict. Therefore, the PC is subject to subpoena to testify in subsequent court proceedings and may be asked to provide a status report to the court for the purpose of understanding each party’s level of compliance with the parenting coordination process. Parties shall sign all necessary release of information forms at the onset of the process in order for the PC to share with and receive information from all professionals involved, including, but not limited to, attorneys, mental health professionals, custody evaluators, and Guardians ad Litem, who may be involved in the case.

 If the PC or an ADAP representative is subpoenaed to testify in a court proceeding regarding the court-ordered parenting coordination process, the party or party’s representative issuing the subpoena shall be responsible for paying the fee for testimony to ADAP as outlined in the parenting coordination contract signed by the parties upon engagement.

SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Judge, Superior Court of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County

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Counsel for Plaintiff Counsel for Defendant

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