

	*	IN THE
Plaintiff	*	CIRCUIT COURT
v.	*	FOR
	*	MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
Defendant	*	CASE NO.:
* * * * *		

**CONSENT ORDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PARENTING COORDINATOR
UPON ENTRY OF JUDGMENT**

Pursuant to MD Rule 9-205.2, upon entry of a judgment granting or modifying custody or visitation, with the consent of the parties and after a hearing, the Court has determined that the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator is appropriate. Wherefore, it is this day of , 20 , by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland

ORDERED that:

APPOINTMENT:

Name:

Address:

E-Mail:

Phone:

The above-named Parenting Coordinator has met the qualifications for appointment set forth in MD Rule 9-205.2(c). The parties shall contact the Parenting Coordinator within five (5) business days from the date of this Order to schedule their first appointment.

Termination

Unless sooner terminated in accordance with MD Rule 9-205.2, the appointment of the Parenting Coordinator shall not exceed two years from the entry of this Order, unless the parties and the Parenting Coordinator agree in writing to an extension for a specified longer period.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

There are allegations or findings of domestic violence committed by or against a party or child. The Court deems the following provisions necessary to address the safety and protection of the parties, all children of the parties, other children residing in the home of a party, and the Parenting Coordinator:

Not Applicable

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY:

As appropriate, a Parenting Coordinator may:

1. assist the parties in amicably resolving disputes about the interpretation of and compliance with the Order and, in making any joint recommendations to the Court for any changes to the Order;
2. educate the parties about making and implementing decisions that are in the best interest of the child;
3. assist the parties in developing guidelines for appropriate communication between them;
4. suggest resources to assist the parties;
5. assist the parties in modifying patterns of behavior and in developing parenting strategies to manage and reduce opportunities for conflict in order to reduce the impact of any conflict upon their child;
6. in response to a subpoena issued at the request of a party or an attorney for a child of the parties, or upon action of the Court pursuant to MD Rule 2-514 or 5-614, produce

documents and testify in the action as a fact witness; and

7. if concerned that a party or child is in imminent physical or emotional danger, communicate with the Court or court personnel to request an immediate hearing.

The Parenting Coordinator may decide post-judgment disputes by making minor, temporary modifications to child access provisions ordered by the Court if:

- A. the judgment or post-judgment order of the Court authorizes such decision making, and
- B. the parties have agreed in writing or on the record that the post-judgment Parenting Coordinator may do so.

In the instant matter, the parties have agreed that the Parenting Coordinator may make decisions regarding:

- Dates and time of pick-up and delivery which do not result in substantial changes in a parent's overall time with a child
- Sharing of vacations and holidays
- Method of pick-up and delivery
- Transportation to and from visitation
- Participation in child(ren) care/daycare and babysitting
- Bedtime
- Diet
- Clothing
- Recreation
- After-school and enrichment activities
- Discipline
- Health care management
- Alterations in schedule that do not substantially alter the basic time share arrangement
- Participation in visitation by significant others, relatives, etc.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

No therapist-patient relationship and/or privilege is created by the entry of this Order.

Communication between the Parenting Coordinator and the parties is not confidential.

FEES:

The parties shall be required to pay the Parenting Coordinator an advance deposit in the amount of _____ per party, which shall be deposited into the Parenting Coordinator's escrow account. The parties shall pay the hourly fee established by the Parenting Coordinator, as set forth in the Parenting Coordinator's agreement.

REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION OF PARENTING COORDINATOR:

The Court shall remove a parenting coordinator on motion of a party or an attorney for the child, if the Court finds good cause, or on a finding that continuation of the appointment is not in the best interest of the child.

The Parenting Coordinator may resign at any time by written notice sent by first-class mail to each party and any attorney for the child. The notice shall state the effective date of the resignation and that the parties may request the appointment of another parenting coordinator. The notice shall be sent at least 15 days before the effective date of the resignation. Promptly after mailing the notice, and at least seven days before the effective date of resignation, the parenting coordinator shall file a copy of the notice with the Court.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Plaintiff

Defendant

Plaintiff's Counsel

Defendant's Counsel

Child's Counsel

Judge, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, MD

cc: Family Division Services Coordinator

cc: Parenting Coordinator: