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### **Parenting Coordination Agreement**

- **Parenting Coordination:** Parenting Coordination is a child-focused, dispute resolution process. The role of the Parenting Coordinator is to assist me and my co-parent in successfully implementing our parenting plan. Parent coordination is not psychotherapy. By completing this agreement, I am acknowledging that Dr. Marowitz has been assigned as my Parenting Coordinator and will serve in this capacity for my family. Dr. Marowitz will not be serving as my therapist, parenting plan evaluator or mediator.
- **Confidentiality:** I understand that although the parenting coordination process is confidential, there are several specific limitations to confidentiality. The parenting coordinator is required to notice the court in specific emergency situations and may be allowed to provide testimony under certain circumstances. Please note that the parent coordinator is required to report suspicions of child and vulnerable adult abuse. Please see your order for parent coordination and copy of the parenting coordination statute regarding the limitations and exceptions to confidentiality.
- **Consent for release of information:** I agree to provide written authorization for the Parenting Coordinator to receive from and provide information to any other mental health professionals involved with my family, any professionals involved with my children, and my attorney, if I have one.
- **Fees:** I agree to pay the Parenting Coordinator at the hourly rate for all time and costs involved in working with me and my family. This may include time spent reviewing documents and correspondence, joint meetings with my coparent, phone conferences with me and my coparent, our attorneys, professionals and others, and preparation of any documents. The Parenting Coordinator will be paid according to the terms stated in the court order for Parenting Coordinator. I will pay for the individual time I spend in person or on the phone with the Parenting Coordinator unless stated differently by court order. Nonpayment of fees shall be ground for the resignation of the Parenting Coordinator. I shall deposit a retainer of \$3000.00 upon the signing of this Agreement. The Parenting Coordinator shall only be entitled to any or all of the retainer as she spends time on my case. I will pay an hourly rate of \$275/hour upon its depletion.

- **Timeless:** I agree to arrive on time for all sessions. If I am unable to keep an appointment or will be late, I will call and inform the Parenting Coordinator.
- **Cancellations:** I understand that in the event I need to reschedule or cancel an appointment, unless I notify the Parenting Coordinator more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled appointment, I will be billed for the Parenting Coordinator's scheduled time. In the event that one parent does not appear for a scheduled appointment and has not given 48 hours advanced notice and the other parent appears or is prepared to appear, the parent who does not appear shall be responsible for both parent's fees.
- **Positive Solutions for Shared Parenting:** I will register for the Positive Solutions for Shared Parenting class. I will make every effort to take the class within 8 weeks of initiation Parenting Coordination.
- I will not tape record my individual or joint sessions with the Parenting Coordinator unless asked to do so by the Parenting Coordinator or the Judge and only after informing all parties present in the session.
- If I or my attorney chooses to subpoena the Parenting Coordinator, I will be responsible for the Coordinator's court time at her forensic rate of \$275 per hour one week prior to court. In addition, I understand that my Parenting Coordinator may withdraw from my case if a subpoena is received.
- I agree to inform the Parenting Coordinator of all court proceedings as soon as they are scheduled.
- I will treat everyone in the Parenting Coordinator process with dignity and respect.
- I have read and understand our court order or stipulated agreement for Parenting Coordination.
- I have received a copy of Florida Statute 61.125 Parenting Coordination.

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**Parent Signature**

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