

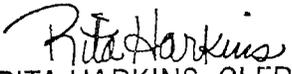
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
GEORGIA, LUMPKIN COUNTY (Lumpkin, Towns, Union and White Counties)  
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IN RE: SEMINAR FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

  
RITA HARKINS, CLERK

ORDER

Pursuant to the inherent powers of this Court and in order to provide for speedy, efficient and inexpensive resolution to disputes, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

Section 1: It is here by ORDERED that all parties to cases involving a child under the age of 19 arising from actions for divorce, separate maintenance, change of custody, modification of visitation, paternity, or legitimation shall successfully complete and approved parenting training program. The following parenting programs are approved in the Enotah Judicial Circuit: PLAN 1) the parenting seminar provided through the Ninth District Office of Alternative Dispute Resolutions; OR PLAN B) The Co-Parenting Resolution Training and Co-Parenting Plan offered by the Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution (CPR).

Completion of either parenting program is required of all parties to such cases, within sixty (60) days of service of the original complaint upon the defendant. The Court's action on a petition will not be delayed beyond such sixty-day period by a non-moving or responding party's refusal or delay in completing the parenting training; however, should a moving party refuse or delay completing the parenting training, the Court's action may be delayed until the moving party completes the training. Upon any party's failure to complete successfully the training pursuant to this Order, the assigned judge may take other appropriate action, including, but not limited to, actions for contempt.

Section 2: The Court may mandate parties in other cases to complete either of the approved

parenting programs under such terms and time limits as the Court deems proper, including the terms and limits set forth in Section 1 above.

Section 3: A) PLAN A: The parenting seminar provided through the Ninth District Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution is a four-hour education seminar that focuses on the developmental needs of the child, with emphasis on fostering the child's emotional health during periods of stress. The program is informative and supportive, and directs people desiring help or additional information to appropriate resources. Topics covered include: 1) developmental stages of childhood; 2) reactions of children to divorce, generally and at specific ages; 3) how divorce affects families; 4) grief processes and coping skills; 5) roles of divorced parents; 6) co-parenting skills; 7) financial obligations of parents; and 8) mediation as a tool to resolve domestic disputes.

Each participant in the parenting seminar provided through the Ninth District Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution will pay a fee to cover the total cost of the seminar or program materials, which includes the costs of the presenter's fee, handouts, applications, and program administration. The fee may be waived if a participant presents a verified affidavit of poverty and it appears upon investigation by the Programs Coordinator of the Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution that the party otherwise meets the Court's guidelines of indigency. The Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution will administer the seminar, contracting for and using qualified counselors, educators, and trainers.

Applications to attend the seminar may be obtained from the Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution, 301 Candler Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501, 770-535-6909, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court. The application and fee must be returned to the Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution at least three (3) business days prior to the seminar selected in order to

ensure that adequate space and materials are present at the seminar for each party. Parties register by a telephone information/scheduling line at least three (3) business days prior to the seminar selected and make the full payment at the seminar. Parties may attempt registration within three (3) days of the session or appear at the seminar to register, but cannot be guaranteed a space and rescheduling may be required. The Programs Coordinator of the Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution will provide written notice to the Superior Court Clerk for each person successfully attending the seminar.

B) PLAN B: The Co-Parenting Resolution Training and Co-Parenting Plan offered by The Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution (CPR) is a five-hour self-study course for parents. The objective of this training is to assist those parents who want to co-parent successfully and effectively. A psychologist addresses those psychological issues typically arising in such cases, and there is an emphasis on the participants' completion of the Parenting Plan A training manual and four compact disc audio programs are purchased and used together. A re-writable CD may be completed and printed for final use as the Parenting Plan required by the Court. An evaluation form and exam is submitted to the Institute and a Certificate of Completion is then provided to the Court.

Each participant in The Co-Parenting Resolution Training and Co-Parenting Plan offered by The Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution (CPR) will pay a fee to cover the total cost of the program materials, which includes the cost of the training manual and compact discs. Contact information for purchase of the program materials is as follows: The Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution, 8725 Roswell Road, Suite O-210, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350, Telephone: 770-642-1100, Fax: 770-642-1104.

The Institute for Co-Parenting Resolution (CPR) will provide written notice to the Clerk of

Superior Court for each person successfully attending the program.

Section 4: Counseling or a program of equal content may be substituted for Plan A or Plan B if written verification satisfactory to the Ninth Judicial District Office of Dispute Resolution by a third party indicating that the specific issues noted above have been addressed in another forum through professional or pastoral counseling, or another similar education program. Parties may attend any four-hour Superior Court-approved parenting seminar in the State of Georgia as substitution for attendance to the seminar offered in Plan A, upon proof of attendance. A Certificate of Attendance for a substitute seminar is valid for three (3) years. Further, for good cause shown, the assigned judge may waive the requirement of completion of these approved programs in individual cases.

Section 5: Notification will be provided to the parties of their responsibility to attend an approved parenting program or to provide alternative verification at the time of the filing of the pleadings.

Section 6: Parties must attend all four hours of the Plan A parenting seminar, or in the case of Plan B Co-Parenting training, complete and submit the evaluation form and exam, causing the Certificate of Completion to be issued in order to receive credit for attendance.

Section 7: The Sheriff's Department in the county in which the Plan A parenting seminar is held shall provide security at each seminar immediately prior to, during, and immediately after each session, by use of appropriate officers from his or her office.

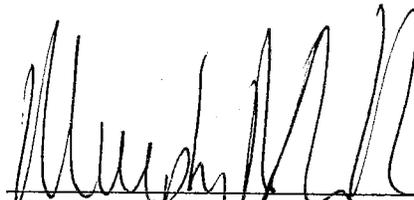
Section 8: The Clerk of Superior Court shall provide a copy of this Order to all parties by mail, by personal service, as an attachment to the process of the court or by such other means as is available and shall place certification of such in the Court's file.

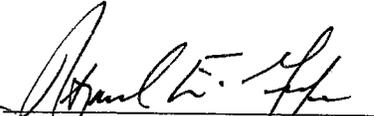
Section 9: This Order applies to all such actions filed on or after September 1, 2012.

Section 10: The terms and provisions of the Orders heretofore entered entitled IN RE:  
SEMINAR FOR DIVORCING PARENTS, dated August 25, 1994, December 23, 1997, and August  
4, 2009 are superseded by the terms and provisions of this Order

SO ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

  
N. Stanley Gunter, Judge  
Superior Courts  
Enotah Judicial Circuit

  
Murphy C. Miller, Chief Judge  
Superior Courts  
Enotah Judicial Circuit

  
Raymond E. George, Judge  
Superior Courts  
Enotah Judicial Circuit