

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

ORDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PARENTING COORDINATOR
(Pre-Judgment)

Pursuant to MD Rule 9-205.2, on motion of a party, on joint request of the parties, or on the Court's own initiative, and after notice and hearing, the Court has determined that the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator during the pendency of this action is appropriate.

Wherefore, it is this _____ day of _____, 20____, by the Circuit Court for XXXXXXXXXXXX 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 terminate upon the entry of a judgment granting or modifying custody or

visitation.

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

SERVICES PERMITTED:

As appropriate, a Parenting Coordinator may:

1. work with the parties to develop an agreed plan for custody and visitation;
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.

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.

Judge, Circuit Court for XXXXXXXXXX County, MD

cc: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Family Support Services Coordinator

cc: _____
Parenting Coordinator