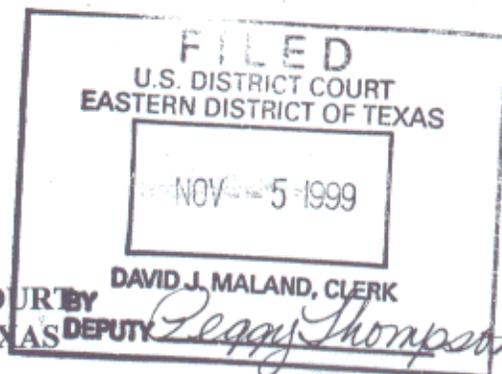


General Order No. 99-12



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

DAVID J. MALAND, CLERK

DEPUTY *Peggy Thompson*

GENERAL ORDER AMENDING COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION PLAN

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendment to the Court-Annexed Mediation Plan (Appendix H to the Local Rules), having been approved by the judges of this court, is adopted for immediate implementation:¹

(b) QUALIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF MEDIATORS; ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

(3) COMPENSATION. Mediators shall be compensated at a rate provided by general order of the court, as amended from time to time by the chief judge. Absent agreement of the parties to ~~the contrary~~ a different apportionment, the cost of the mediator's services shall be borne equally by the parties to the mediation conference.

(A) LIMITATIONS ON COMPENSATION . ~~Except as provided by this Plan,~~ No mediator shall charge or accept in connection with the mediation of any particular case any fee or thing of value from any ~~other source whatever~~ other than the parties absent written approval of the court given in advance of the receipt of any such payment or thing of value.

Signed this 3rd day of November, 1999.

FOR THE COURT:

Richard A. Schell

RICHARD A. SCHELL
Chief Judge

¹New language appears in underlined text; deleted language appears in ~~strikeout~~ text.