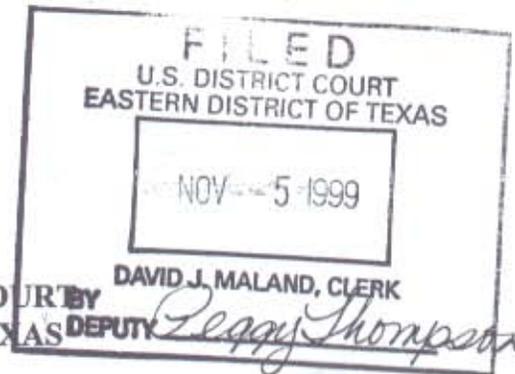


General Order No. 99-12



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.