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FLORIDA SUPREME COURT CERTIFIED CIRCUIT CIVIL MEDIATOR

2019 MEDIATION FEE SCHEDULE

Scheduling: Unless otherwise requested, half-day mediations and global settlement conferences will begin at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Unless otherwise requested, full-day mediations and global settlement conferences will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Fees:

Two parties.....\$175.00 per party / per hour with fees to be split equally between the parties, unless otherwise agreed upon

Three or more parties.....\$125.00 per party / per hour with fees to be split equally between the parties, unless otherwise agreed upon

* A "party" is defined as one of more persons or entities who have a common interest and who are represented by a single attorney or firm or lead counsel and local counsel, or insurance defense counsel and independent counsel).

Minimum fees: (at applicable rate above)

Half-day mediations.....3 hours

Full-day mediations.....5 hours

Greater than one day mediations.....retainer required and any unused portion refunded

Cancellation fees: A \$400 cancellation fee will be charged for any half-day reservation not canceled at least *five* business days before the scheduled mediation or global settlement conference. A \$600 cancellation fee will be charged for any full-day reservation not canceled at least *five* business days before the scheduled mediation or global settlement conference. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cancellation fees will be split equally among the parties, and must be paid within thirty days of the invoice date. A waiver or reduction of cancellation fees will be considered for exceptional circumstances.

Travel: Included for travel to Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Glades, Hendry, and Desoto counties. For mediations or global settlement conferences outside those counties, roundtrip travel time will be charged at one-half the hourly rate. If applicable with the agreement of the parties, food, lodging, and other mediation-related expenses will be billed equally between the parties/attorneys at their actual cost.

Preparation: Review of records up to 100 pages per party is included in the per-party rate.

Bills: Due and payable within thirty days following mediation or global settlement conference. If represented, the attorneys for the parties are responsible for payment. Fees not paid within thirty days of the mediation or global settlement conference will accrue interest at the rate then allowable by law.

Summaries: Please send brief summaries at least two business days before mediation or global settlement conferences.

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