

## CONFIDENTIAL MEDIATOR SELECTION FORM

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Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Party Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Family Appellate Mediators**

The hourly rate for mediation is set by a sliding fee scale, based on information that you provide on your Confidential Information Form. **Please cross off any mediator with whom you have a conflict, then rank your mediator preference with numbers from 1 to 5, with 1 being your first preference.** If you do not indicate a preference, a mediator will be selected for you.

**Rank:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MIKE BLACK** Mike Black has been practicing law in St. Paul as a sole practitioner since 1978, concentrating in family law, real estate and civil litigation. He is a 1975 graduate of St. John's University and obtained his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Mike is also an experienced mediator and arbitrator and has a growing practice in family law mediation, receiving referrals from courts, attorneys and individuals. He also provides services as a parenting time expeditor and parenting consultant. Mike has been active in the Ramsey County Bar Association for many years, and has served as the chair of the Young Lawyers Section and the Family Law Section. Mike is currently a member of the RCBA board of directors. He is a founding member of Conflict Resolution Minnesota, a professional association of mediators and arbitrators, serving on its board of directors and as its treasurer. In 2004 he received the Second Judicial District Pro Bono Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ELIZABETH CUTTER** Judge Elizabeth Cutter is a Qualified Neutral under Rule 114, She retired from the Hennepin County District Court in March 2022. She served in Family Court, the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, and Presiding Judge of the Probate/Mental Health Division. Judge Cutter continues to work as a Senior Judge, hearing all case types, throughout the State.

After retiring from the bench, Judge Cutter joined Gilbert Mediation where she focuses on mediation, arbitration, and special master work in Family, Probate, and Trust cases. She has enjoyed being able to assist parties in reaching resolution in many challenging cases. Beginning January 2024, Judge Cutter will be an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School where she will teach Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Judge Cutter is a member of the Minnesota Bar Association, the Hennepin County Bar Association, and a member of the Family and Probate & Estate Sections. She is also a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). She is a frequent lecturer and trainer on topics relating to the justice system's response to violence against women.

Before joining the bench, Judge Cutter worked as a Minnesota Special Assistant Attorney

General and Senior Hennepin County Attorney. She graduated with honors from William Mitchell College of Law where she served as an Editor of the William Mitchell Law Review and received the Faculty Award of Merit. She was selected as Minnesota Lawyer's Lawyer of the Year in 2012.

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**GARY DEBELE** Licensed in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as being admitted to several tribal and federal courts, Gary A. Debele is an attorney for the firm of Messerli & Kramer, P.A. He is a 1984 graduate of St. Olaf College and a 1987 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. Gary devotes his practice primarily to family law, juvenile law, and adoption, with significant expertise in third party custody, complex adoption and assisted reproduction matters, the interplay of juvenile and family court, the drafting of cohabitation, prenuptial, and post-nuptial agreements, and family and juvenile law issues in tribal courts. With an extensive appellate practice, he has been involved in 10 cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court and more than 30 cases before the Minnesota Court of Appeals where he served as a law clerk to the late Judge Edward J. Parker from 1988 to 1989. Gary has also participated in several tribal court appeals and he has filed several certiorari petitions with the United States Supreme Court. Gary has been repeatedly designated as a Super Lawyer, a Top 100 Lawyer, and a Top 40 Family Law Attorney by Law and Politics. In 2007 and 2009 he was named one of the Top 10 attorneys in the state of Minnesota by that same publication. In 2010 he was named an Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML), the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA), and the American Academy of Assisted Reproduction Technology Attorneys (AAARTA). He has long been listed in the Best Lawyers in America. Gary has an extensive mediation practice; in addition to being on the Rule 114 roster, he has conducted mediations and represented parties in many mediations of all types of family and juvenile law matters. He has particular expertise and training in mediating third party custody and parenting time disputes, as well as adoption matters. Gary's practice has taken him to all parts of the state of Minnesota and he is willing to do mediations across the state.

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**CARY MILLER-DOLAN** Ms. Miller-Dolan is an experienced family law attorney, qualified neutral, speaker, and trainer. She refocused her years of litigation experience toward providing creative, efficient, and cost-effective alternative dispute resolution services for family law and civil litigants. Ms. Miller-Dolan is qualified and experienced in providing all types of alternative dispute resolution services, including mediation, early neutral evaluations, arbitration, consensual special magistrate, and moderated settlement conference services together with various parenting dispute resolution services. Ms. Miller-Dolan specializes in resolving complex family law disputes ranging from marital dissolution to paternity, same sex couple disputes, child custody, parenting time, child support, spousal maintenance, and division of assets with complex financial issues.

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**STEPHEN K. ERICKSON** Steve Erickson has been admitted to practice law in Minnesota since 1974 and has worked full time as a mediator since 1980. He practices primarily in the area of Family Law, but also mediates employment disputes, complex business disputes and land disputes. In 1985, he initiated a demonstration project for Farm Foreclosure mediation, and was asked to write the Rules of Mediation for the Minnesota Farmer Lender Mediation Act. He received a Bush Leadership Fellowship Award for the study of mediation in 1979 and is a founder and past president of the Academy of Family Mediators. He is well known as a mediation trainer and speaker and has published numerous articles and books on the subject. His most recent book is The Practitioner's

Guide to Mediation, A Client-Centered Approach (2001 Wiley Pub., NY). In 1996 he was awarded the Distinguished Mediator Award by the Academy of Family Mediators for his contributions to the field. He currently co-chairs the International Association for Conflict Resolution's Taskforce on Mediator Certification. In his private practice of mediation, he supervises select third year Law Students who accompany him in his mediations.

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**EVA CHENEY-HATCHER** is a respected Attorney and Qualified Rule 114 Neutral with over 31 years of experience. She is licensed in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Pennsylvania. She is an experienced trial attorney, and has represented clients with complex marital estates, financial issues, and custody disputes.

Since 2009 she has focused her practice exclusively in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution. She began providing Mediation services in 1995 after she obtained her original 40-hour Family Law Mediation Training. Since that time, she has completed additional, extensive training and continuing education in the areas of Civil Law Mediation, Family Law Mediation, Employment Law Mediation, Elder Law Mediation, Multi-Party Dispute Resolution, Arbitration, Consensual Special Magistrate, Custody Evaluations, Parenting Consultant, and High Conflict Dispute Resolution. She provides a variety of services including Mediation, Arbitration, FENE, SENE, Parenting Consultant, Parenting TimeExpeditior, Custody Evaluations, and Consensual Special Magistrate.

Ms. Cheney-Hatcher is a member of the Minnesota Bar Association; Dakota County Bar Association; First District Bar Association, and South Dakota Bar Association. She also holds membership in several professional alternative dispute resolution organizations including the Minnesota State Bar Association-Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), (both National and State organizations), an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to the resolution of family conflict. Ms. Cheney-Hatcher also lectures on topics pertaining to family law, mediation, and alternative dispute resolution.

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**BEN M. HENSCHEL** Mr. Henschel is a founding partner at Henschel Moberg Goff, P.A., practicing exclusively family law. Mr. Henschel has been selected to be included in "The Best Lawyers in America" and has been voted a Top 40 Family Law Super Lawyer by his peers. Mr. Henschel regularly represents owners of closely held businesses and professional practices, as well as executives of Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Henschel has negotiated settlements and successfully tried cases involving complex issues, including premarital agreement enforcement, business valuation, executive compensation, non-marital property and permanent spousal maintenance. He has also successfully served as the mediator, neutral or court-appointed Special Master in several family law proceedings. Mr. Henschel's experience allows him to bring a calm, analytical approach to complicated, difficult and emotional family law litigation. He is a founding member of the committee that created the Financial Early Neutral Evaluation Pilot Project in Hennepin County District Court, for which he has received the Excellence in Service award from the Court. He encourages and supports the utilization of Alternative Dispute Resolution to minimize the damage marital dissolution litigation can cause individuals and families. Mr. Henschel frequently lectures at seminars for continuing legal education on family law topics including non-marital property and premarital agreements.

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**JOHN R. "ROB" HILL** represents clients in divorce and post-decree divorce proceedings as well as child support and child custody hearings. He drafts pre-nuptial agreements and

handles appeals. He represents clients with cash flow, spousal maintenance and child support issues, and specializes in complex financial issues in divorce cases, including closely held businesses, executive compensation, non-marital property, intellectual property and retirement benefits. Rob has represented numerous parents in contested child custody matters, including parenting time issues and grandparent visitation disputes involving allegations of abuse and neglect. Responsive and understanding, Rob seeks resolutions that are efficient and amicable, but he is also fully prepared to address issues in a courtroom setting if a settlement cannot be reached. Rob is experienced in drafting pre-nuptial agreements and post-nuptial agreements. These agreements enable a couple to control the outcome in the event the marriage ends in death or by divorce. A couple choosing a pre or postnuptial agreement can create their own agreements and supersede the laws of Family Court that would otherwise control the terms of the final divorce. Rob also provides mediation services for all aspects of family law and divorce matters. With the advent of remote technology, clients can do mediations from anywhere via Zoom. This allows parties in any part of Minnesota to participate in mediation and not have to come into the offices of Larkin Hoffman.

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**CAROL M. KLAPHAKE.** Carol M. Klaphake practiced family law in the central Minnesota area from 1995 to 2010 with Gray, Plant, Mooty (including Hall & Byers, P.A.). In 2010, Carol opened her own firm of Carol M. Klaphake P.A. and continues to practice solely family law mediating and representing clients in dissolution, custody, post decree, paternity, and child support matters. She obtained her law degree from the University of Minnesota. Carol Klaphake is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. As a Minnesota Supreme Court qualified mediator and arbitrator, Carol has been mediating since 1997. In 2011, she also completed the certification for social early neutral evaluations and financial early neutral evaluations. Carol has published the following articles: (1) "Nonmarital Property Accretions Characterized as Marital Property", Family Law Forum, August 2005; (2) "Standards of Appellate Review", Family Law Forum, March 2000; and (3) "Visitation Expeditors: The Law and Pragmatism", Family Law Forum, July 1999. Carol is willing to travel to other areas of the state.

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**HERB KROON** Herb has been practicing law in Mankato since 1980 and mediating since 1990. The majority of Herb's practice is devoted to family law cases. He was one of the first mediators in southern Minnesota and has mediated many cases in southern Minnesota. He has mediated custody, child support, maintenance, property, and business evaluation issues. He was a co founder of the Sixth District Bar Association's Family Law Section, and was instrumental in creating Mankato's parent education curriculum for divorcing couples. He is a frequent presenter at the Family Law Institute and other CLE programs. His topics have included child custody and preparing clients for mediation. He is an active member of the Family Law Section of the MSBA, having served as the editor of the Family Law Forum in 1994-1996. He has been recognized as a 'Super Lawyer' by Law and Politics, has received the Fifth Judicial District Pro Bono Award from Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in 2008 and the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition Pro Bono Publico Award in 1992. He is an active member of the Mankato community. He has served as a board member of the Y.M.C.A, the Mankato Rotary Club (former club president), as well as other organizations. He received his B.A. from Macalester College (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1975 and his J.D. from University of Minnesota Law School in 1979. He is married with three adult children and pets too numerous to name.

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**MARY LAUHEAD** Mary Catherine Lauhead was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1977 and has practiced almost exclusively in family law. She was named as a distinguished

member of the Family Law Section in 1991. Ms. Lauhead has served as the chair and co-chair of the MSBA Family Law Section *Amicus* Committee for over twenty years, with her *amicus* experience ranging back to the early eighties. She has been on over twenty *amicus* committees in precedential Minnesota cases, such as Peterka v. Dennis, Antone, Rogers, Santoro, McKee v. Johnson, Karon and Sefkow. Ms. Lauhead also has experience as an appellate attorney representing clients on cases such as Nice-Peterson and Angelos. Having completed training as a mediator in 1986, in 1998, Ms. Lauhead became a Qualified Rule 114 Neutral for Family Alternative Dispute Resolution (facilitative, hybrid, adjudicative, and evaluative). As an attorney and neutral, Ms. Lauhead has worked with clients and parties to address and resolve complex financial issues, support issues and property division. As a litigator and appellate attorney, Ms. Lauhead has the practical experience of presenting a case from trial through the appellate process, with focus on the record. Ms. Lauhead served as a panel Hennepin County Guardian Ad Litem in the nineties, dealing with high levels of parental conflict, logistical, scheduling and developmental issues in highly contentious custody litigation. She is a frequent lecturer at local continuing legal education seminars on a wide range of family practice issues and case law. Since the late eighties, Ms. Lauhead has moderated cases as a court-appointed neutral. She has been active in financial and social early neutral evaluations throughout the metro counties, through court appointments and on private cases. Ms. Lauhead has consistently been named as a SuperLawyer and a Super ADR attorney over the years.

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**SUSAN D. MAINZER** Susan Mainzer received her law degree from University of Wisconsin, Madison. Licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Qualified family law (facilitative) neutral under Rule 114. Mediate family matters, contracts, personal injury, special education, property damage, discrimination and workplace disputes. Named a Leading American Attorney in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) areas of family and employment matters in "Law & Politics." Have mediated hundreds of family cases since the early 1990s. Recognized for skill in mediating highly charged conflicts in which emotions are raw, encouraging creativity and movement. Parties pro se or represented by attorneys in separations, dissolutions, relationship break-ups, and post decree matters. Also same gender, blended family, non married parties and disputes affecting children including those with special needs. Conflicts include financial and property divisions; spousal maintenance; relocation; education, succession planning of lake cabin; family businesses; termination of wedding. Trained hundreds of mediators by co-teaching the 30-hour civil and 40-hour family mediation courses for Mediation Center, part of Hamline University. Co-taught family mediation for the American Arbitration Association in a five-state area in the 1990s. Have served on Ramsey County Family Court's mediation panel since 1993; Catholic Charities Mediation Program (now at Mediation Center) since 1994, Mediation Center's facilitative family mediation panel since early 1990s. Selected to moderate Ramsey County court-ordered dissolution settlement conferences, regularly facilitating pre- hearing settlements working with couples and their attorneys. Presenter, Family Law Institute, 2007 and ADR Institute, 2004-2008, on "Mediation Basics - Those First Mediations."

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**DANA MCKENZIE** Dana McKenzie, J.D., C.H.C. is a shareholder of Cheney-Hatcher & McKenzie. She serves as a mediator, financial & social early neutral evaluator, parenting consultant, arbitrator, and custody evaluator. She is board certified in health care compliance. She previously served as the Policy & Planning Manager for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Child Support Division, on the Board of the National Child Support Enforcement Association, on numerous federal workgroups, and as the co-chair of the Assisted Reproductive Technologies Subcommittee of the Minnesota Uniform

Parentage Act Task Force. She is a frequent CLE and keynote speaker, and writes a legal column read by over 800 family law professionals.

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**MERLYN L. MEINERTS** Merlyn Meinerts' practice is focused solely on family law, both as an advocate representing individual clients and as a qualified neutral. He has worked in Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") since 1993, and serves as a mediator, Early Neutral Evaluator, Settlement Conference Moderator, Consensual Special Magistrate, Parenting Time Expeditor, and Parenting Consultant. No matter the role he serves, Meinerts strives to empower parties in family law proceedings to fully participate in the resolution of their case.

Meinerts has been consistently recognized as a *Super Lawyer* and *Top Lawyers in Minnesota* as published in Minneapolis-St. Paul magazine. He is also a frequent Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") presenter on family law and Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") topics. Meinerts currently serves as co-chair of the ENE and MSC pilot project committees in Dakota County. He also chairs the fee arbitration committee for the First Judicial District.

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**JUDGE GARY MEYER** Judge Meyer was a District Court Judge, Tenth Judicial District, chambered in Buffalo and Stillwater. He was appointed in 1987, and retired in 2005. Since 2005 has been doing retired judge work, mediation, arbitration and Special Master work, through Gilbert Mediation Center, with offices in Oakdale and Eden Prairie. For 28 years prior to taking the bench, Judge Meyer was in the private practice of law, initially with Leonard Street & Deinard, and later in his own practice. The majority of his practice was in family law, and he was a member of the Family Law section of the MSBA. He was elected Chief Judge of the Tenth District, and as Assistant Chief and Chief Judge served on the Conference of Chief Judges for 7 years. For three years Judge Meyer chaired the Supreme Court Child Support Advisory Committee to establish the ExPro Child Support system and to formulate the Child Support Expedited Process Rules. He has taught family law at Judicial conferences as well as at the Minnesota Judicial College and the Advanced Judicial Family Law seminars for Judges. He was a member of the Minnesota District Judges Association Family Law Committee, and served as a member of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Open Child Protection proceedings. As a judge he has presided at countless trials and motions in dissolution proceedings. He is certified as a Family Law mediator, having completed the coursework of both the Civil Mediation Skills training and the Family Mediation Skills Training. Since retirement as an active judge he has mediated and arbitrated many family law matters through Gilbert Mediation Center. Judge Meyer will mediate all categories of family law cases on appeal. He prefers to mediate in the Twin City metro area, and has offices available in Oakdale and Eden Prairie.

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**JAMES W. (JIM) MCGILL**, dispute resolution specialist, is a 1987 honors graduate of Drake University Law School and has been providing Dispute Resolution Services since 1990. Specific areas of dispute resolution include but are not limited to: family (dissolution, parenting plans, property division, orders for protection, and post decree matters), real estate (privacy, boundary line, lake access, contract, right to a view, and road access), labor/employment, education, community, and elder related matters. McGill is a Qualified Neutral under Minnesota Rule 114 and is also a licensed mediator in the State of Florida. McGill is a mediator with both the Wisconsin and Minnesota Special Education Mediation Systems as well as the Minnesota Department of Human

Rights. McGill is a founding board member of Conflict Resolution Minnesota (CRM) and maintains professional memberships with the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) and the Academy of Professional Family Mediators.

McGill, a sole practitioner, is the founder of McGill Law Office & Mediation Center, Hackensack, MN, which provides general legal services with special emphasis in the areas of Bankruptcy Law (chapters 7 & 13 debt relief), Family Law, Employment Law (representing employers and employees), Estate Planning, Contract Law, Non-Profit Corporations, Elder Law, Real Estate, Education Law, and Debtor/Creditor Law.

McGill has served as the chairperson of the Cass County Bar Association since 1989, and is admitted to practice in the State of Minnesota, the Minnesota Federal District Courts, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

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**KATHLEEN NEWMAN** Ms. Newman is a partner with DeWitt, LLP. Her practice focuses on matrimonial law, including child custody, spousal maintenance, property division and tax issues. She also handles complex issues involving valuation and division of closely held businesses, such as sole proprietorships, partnerships and private corporations. Ms. Newman has extensive trial experience, and is approved for inclusion in the Minnesota ADR Statewide Neutrals Roster in all three categories of Family Neutrals. She was nominated by her peers as a Leading Minnesota Attorney, is currently named in *The Best Lawyers in America* and is a Fellow in the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Ms. Newman is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and Family Law Trial Advocacy.

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**DAN O'CONNELL** Dan O'Connell is a mediator, trial attorney, arbitrator, and CPA who has a legal practice with an emphasis in mediation, family law and professional responsibility law (ethics). He is named a Best Lawyer for Family Law and Family Law Mediation by Best Lawyers in America and is named the 2015 Minneapolis Area Family Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America. He has been a lead faculty member for Minnesota CLE's Certified Civil Mediation Skills Training since 1996 and has taught Certified Family Mediation Skills Training for Minnesota CLE, Hamline's Mediation Center and other organizations. He is immediate past President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He handles complex financial matters arising out of marital dissolution proceedings, such as issues relating to closely held businesses, compensation of highly paid executives and professionals, and non-marital assets. He has argued cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Dan is named a "Super Lawyer" in the family law area and one of the top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyers. He is the 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award of the Ramsey County Bar Assn. He is a frequent lecturer on ethics and family law. Dan is a Partner at Tuft, Lach, Jerabek & O'Connell, P.L.L.P.

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**CHERYL M. PRINCE** Ms. Prince practices primarily in family law, including divorce, adoption, paternity and prenuptial agreements. She has handled cases involving both simple and complex property division, maintenance and custody issues. She has also served as mediator in a wide range of disputes including family, personal injury, contract and employment discrimination. She is a charter member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Early Neutral Evaluation Steering Committee and has served as an evaluator in both social and financial cases. Ms. Prince is a member of the Minnesota State Bar, the State Bar of Wisconsin, and the 11th District Bar Association (President, 1997-98; Chair Ethics Committee (2005-present)). She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Law. She is the past-chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association Family Law Section and currently served on the executive committee. She also serves as an adjunct professor at

the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where she teaches family law and litigation. Ms. Prince graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is licensed to practice in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ms. Prince also is active in the community. She serves or has served on the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries, Inc., Salvation Army, Duluth Area YWCA, Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Volunteer Attorney Program. She is a past recipient of the Volunteer Attorney Program's Pro Bono Publico (Volunteer Attorney of the Year) Award.

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**SUZANNE M. REMINGTON** Suzanne M. Remington is a partner with the law firm of Hellmuth & Johnson, PLLC. She practices exclusively in the area of family law, including complex business valuation, property division, cash flow analysis relating to spousal maintenance and child support, along with contested custody matters.

Ms. Remington is the co-founder of the Hennepin County Financial Early Neutral Evaluation Pilot Project. She sat as a Child Support Magistrate in Hennepin County and as an Administrative Law Judge in southeastern Minnesota. She has tried over 30 family court cases in district court. Ms. Remington has frequently appeared before the Minnesota Court of Appeals and has appeared before the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Since 2001, she has been recognized as a Super Lawyer and a member of the top five percent of family law attorneys in Minnesota. In 2005 and 2007, Ms. Remington was recognized as one of Minnesota's Top 100 Women Attorneys. In 2006 and 2007, she was recognized as one of Minnesota's Top 40 Family Law Super Lawyers.

She received her B.A. degree from Indiana University in 1989 and her J.D. degree from Loyola University in 1992.

Ms. Remington is a Qualified Neutral Civil Mediator and is also trained as a Financial Early Neutral Evaluator, Social Early Neutral Evaluator, Parenting Consultant and Guardian ad Litem.

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**KATHRYN SNYDER** Kathryn Snyder has specialized in family law mediation since 1992. Prior to opening Conflict Management and Resolution in 1997, Ms. Snyder litigated family law matters for almost 14 years. She has extensive experience in both litigation and mediation dealing with complex property distribution, custody, child support and spousal maintenance issues. Ms. Snyder has presented on family law issues at the county, state and national levels. She has presented for Minnesota CLE programs including the ADR Institute and she has served as an instructor for the Child Custody and Dissolution Planning Classes in Olmsted County for more than 12 years. Additionally, she recently presented on self-determination in mediation for an annual Association for Conflict Resolution conference and an ABA conference. Ms. Snyder has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America since 1997 and for the Leading Minnesota Attorneys in Family Law and ADR since 1997. She was recently selected for the Minnesota Super Lawyers list and the Minnesota Best Lawyer's list in 2010. Ms. Snyder was inducted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 1991.

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**ROBERT THORWALDSEN** Bob Thorwaldsen graduated from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 2011, he graduated from the University of North Dakota School Of Law. As one of the firm's trial lawyers, Bob handles personal injury, criminal defense, family law and business litigation. Bob is trained as a civil and family law mediator and arbitrator.

Bob is a member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, and past President of the Becker County Bar Association. He is a member of the Minnesota Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and serves as a council member for the Minnesota

Bar Association's Greater Minnesota Section.

Bob is a qualified neutral listed in the Minnesota Judicial Branch Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Rule 114 Roster of Qualified Neutrals.

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**KATRINA WASS** Katrina I. Wass graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2000 with a BA in Journalism. In 2003, she graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Her areas of practice include civil litigation and family law, with family law comprising the vast majority of her practice. She is a partner at Pemberton Law’s Fergus Falls office and was named a Minnesota “Rising Star” in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 by Minnesota Law and Politics Magazine

Katrina is a trained early neutral evaluation evaluator in the state of Minnesota and has served as an evaluator on numerous family law cases. Katrina is a Rule 114 Qualified Neutral.

Katrina is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Otter Tail County Bar Association, the Minnesota Association for Justice, and is an active member of the Family Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Minnesota Association for Justice.

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**TERRI WINTERING** Therese W. (Terri) Wintering graduated from the College of St. Teresa with a B.A. history in 1973 and from William Mitchell College of Law in 1977. She is admitted to practice in Minnesota and in the U.S>. District Court. She is the owner of Wintering Law Office, Ltd. Terri has practiced Family Law in Rochester since 1981 with a focus on Alternate Dispute Resolution. She has been a mediator since 1988 and mediates in the areas of: Family Law; Civil litigation and Special Education. She is a member of the Minnesota Department of Education Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel since 1992. Terri is a former EEOC mediator; has participated in the Lawyers’ Professional Responsibility Board pilot mediation project and worked as a volunteer mediator for the State Department of Human Rights. She presently provides low bono mediation for Legal Assistance of Olmsted County. In addition to mediation, Terri also serves as a parenting time expediter, a parenting consultant, Early Neutral Evaluator and as a court- appointed guardian. Terri has also served as a Board Member and Past Chair of the Women’s Shelter Board in Rochester; Board member and past chair of the St Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women of St. Mary’s College of Winona and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

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**JUDGE JERRY WOLF** Judge Wolf was a District Judge chambered in Rice County, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District for 33 years, and Chief Judge of the District for four years. He has extensive experience in the areas of Family, Civil, Probate and conservatorship Law; is a Rule 114 family and Civil law mediator/arbitrator as well as trained and practiced in the Early Neutral Evaluation pilot program used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. He taught at William Mitchell College of Law for three years in their WRAP program and was a student mentor at St. Thomas University, College of Law for many years. As background, he was a rifle instructor in the US Marines and worked as a union ironworker on many projects such as power plants, large bridges, steel mills, etc while attending college and law school. He now engages in mediation, arbitration and conservatorships in all areas of the law and has experience in dealing with Pro Se litigants. He is willing to travel distances to handle cases but has conference rooms available in Faribault for the litigants if desired. Mileage or regular time is charged depending upon the circumstances and is open for discussion.

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