

**12.014            MEDIATION IN PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

- (1) All parenting time enforcement proceedings shall be subject to an expedited mandatory mediation requirement. When an enforcement proceeding is filed, the mediation clerk shall select a mediator from the court's panel of mediators and notify the parties of this selection. Preference shall be given to the mediator, if any, who was appointed by the court in the most recent proceeding. The mediation clerk shall immediately notify the mediator of this appointment and the date of the scheduled enforcement hearing. Participation in mediation orientation and the parenting class are not required.
- (2) Exclusion from mediation will only be allowed in unusual circumstances. A party requesting to be excluded from mediation shall submit a written request to the court to be determined in a summary manner.
- (3) The moving party shall contact the mediator no later than two business days after filing. The non-moving party shall contact the mediator no later than two business days after service. The parties and the mediator shall use their best efforts to mediate the matter at issue before the scheduled hearing.
- (4) The mediator shall notify the court no later than seven days prior to the scheduled hearing of the results of the mediation process.
- (5) If a party does not participate in the mediation process, the court may decline to consider or continue the enforcement proceeding beyond the statutory time lines. The court may also consider a party's failure to participate in mediation when determining the appropriate sanctions to be imposed if a violation is found.