

**FRIEND OF THE COURT  
FOR  
THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN**

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**REQUEST FOR  
FRIEND OF THE COURT MEDIATION**

The Grand Traverse/Leelanau/Antrim County Friend of the Court offers mediation services for your use in helping to resolve disputed issues over custody and/or parenting time of your child/ren.

Mediation is available through the Friend of the Court on a voluntary basis. Both parents must indicate their consent to this service. Mediation is strictly confidential. That is to say, those matters discussed in a mediation session cannot be used in a hearing in Court or before a Referee. Your assigned mediator will not discuss the mediation with anyone and cannot be called as a witness at the hearing.

Mediation is an alternative to litigation. You, the parents, are the real experts on your child/ren and it is likely that you can, with the help of a mediator, come together to discuss the conflicts and reach an agreement that each of you can live with and work with for the best interests of your child/ren.

If you are able to reach an agreement, a written agreement will be prepared for each parent to sign and approve. If no agreement is reached, you may still use the conventional way of settling matters by filing a motion with the court and having a court hearing.

Please sign below and return this form if you wish to use our mediation service.

**I am willing for mediation to be used as an alternative for resolving custody and/or parenting time issues in my case. I understand that should the other parent be unwilling to consider mediation, that no conference will be held. I am aware that this is voluntary on my part and that the matters discussed in such a session are confidential and cannot be used for or against me in any future hearing either before the court or before a referee. My assigned mediator cannot testify for or against me in such a hearing.**

Friend of the Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Father Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Mother Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_