

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
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Court Name: _____
Case Name: _____
Case Number: _____
(if known)

NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

By participating in this process, I acknowledge that:

1. I agree to participate in this Neutral Case Evaluation (“NCE”) process. I affirm my willingness to speak about the issues in dispute and to provide information as requested.
2. I understand that I am not required to settle my case during the process.
3. I understand that the Neutral Case Evaluator’s (“Evaluator”) role is to provide us with useful information and to help us consider options for agreements, without making decisions for us. I understand the Evaluator’s evaluation and/or opinion is based on the Evaluator’s experience as a judge or referee. I also understand the evaluation and/or opinion is non-binding; I am not required to follow it.
4. I understand that the Evaluator is not providing me with legal advice or counseling services and, although it is not required, I understand that it is recommended that I consult an attorney prior to signing any settlement agreement.
5. I understand that, except as otherwise required by law or rule, everything said or written during the NCE process is confidential. The parties and the Evaluator will hold confidential the written and oral communications that occur in preparation for, during, or after the NCE process. I further understand the session will not be recorded.
6. I understand that I will not be able to subpoena the Evaluator as a witness in, or request the Evaluator’s records for, any court, legal or administrative proceeding arising from the NCE process. I understand that the Evaluator will destroy any notes taken before or during the NCE process.
7. I acknowledge that if settlement is reached through the NCE process, any signed agreement generated by the process and approved by the court shall be legally binding and may be enforced.

Date

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner (if present)

Date

Respondent

Attorney for Respondent (if present)

Date

Neutral Case Evaluator