

AGREEMENT RE: PRO PER PARTIES AT MEDIATION

The undersigned *pro per* party acknowledges, understands, and agrees:

1. That a third party neutral is an impartial intermediary who assists two or more persons to resolve a dispute or other matter that has arisen between them. A mediator is an independent and impartial third party selected by the parties to help them reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of their dispute through negotiation and compromise. A mediator does not decide who will prevail in the dispute and does not award damages, render a verdict, issue a judgment, or otherwise determine fault;
2. That, although Michelle V. Paul, the mediator in this case (“Mediator”), is an attorney licensed to practice law in California, Washington DC, and Virginia, she will act solely as an impartial, neutral intermediary in these proceedings to aid both parties in reaching a settlement;
3. That the Mediator shall not decide who prevails in the dispute, and shall not render an award, verdict, judgment, or otherwise determine fault or blame;
4. That the Mediator has not, does not, and will not act as an attorney or advocate for, and has not, does not, and will not give legal, tax, or other professional advice to, any Party at any time prior to, during, or after the mediation;
5. That no professional, attorney-client, or fiduciary relationship exists, has been, or will be created between any party and the Mediator, her firms, or MVP Mediation, LLC, in this case;
6. That the *pro per* party has not been, and will not be the client of the Mediator, her firms, or MVP Mediation, LLC, as it pertains to this case;
7. That the Mediator, her firms, and MVP Mediation, LLC, will not be acting as any of the parties’ attorney today, or at any time in the past or future, as it pertains to this case;
8. That nothing has been indicated to the undersigned by the Mediator, her firms, or MVP Mediation, LLC, that will be considered to be legal advice and that the undersigned has not and will not rely upon any information provided to the undersigned as legal advice whether at, prior to, during, or after the mediation by the Mediator, her firms, or MVP Mediation, LLC; and
9. That the undersigned is informed and aware of a *pro per* party’s right to obtain legal counsel before, during or after mediation.

I have read, acknowledged, understand, and agree to the above and wish to proceed with this mediation proceeding without legal representation.

Date _____

Signature

Printed Name