

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court El Paso County, Colorado Court Address: 20 E. Vermijo Ave, PO Box 2980, Colorado Springs, CO 80901	<div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> ▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ </div> Case Number: _____ Div.: _____ Ctrm: _____
<hr/> In re the marriage of: Petitioner: Vs Respondent: <hr/> Attorney or Party Without Attorney: (Name & Address) Phone Number: FAX Number: E-mail: Atty. Reg. #:	

BLANKET DOMESTIC RELATIONS ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) ORDER

The Court finds that issues are in dispute and that many Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services are available to assist the Court and the parties to resolve their dispute in a just, speedy and economical way. Mediation is usually the most appropriate ADR method to resolve domestic relations disputes. The parties, however, may choose an ADR method other than mediation to assist them in resolving their dispute with the approval of the Court.

The parties are free and are encouraged to agree on the ADR provider of their choice to assist them in resolving their dispute. ADR providers may be found in the ADR Providers Notebook, which is available in the El Paso County Law Library, or in the Teller County Court Clerk's Office, in the Yellow Pages, or from applicable directories of the Colorado Bar Association. The Court will neither appoint nor recommend a specific ADR provider unless the parties fail to agree on a provider or request the Court's assistance.

Unless the matter is subject to one of the following specifically noted exemptions, no contested Final Order or Post Decree matters will be set for hearing until a bona-fide attempt to mediate or use another ADR method has been completed.

1. ADR is exempted by C.R.S. 13-22-311
2. A claim that a party has been the victim of physical or psychological abuse by the other party.
3. There are compelling reasons which establish good cause to waive the
4. The parties have settled all issues before the court
use of ADR
5. The certification is filed with notice to set that parties agree to participate in ADR before the hearing.

That certificate shall state the specific reason why ADR would not be useful if attempted prior to setting the hearing, and that there is a greater likelihood that settlement will occur if ADR is conducted closer to the hearing date. If ADR has not been attempted before the hearing date, as certified, the hearing will be vacated, and will not be rescheduled until ADR has been attempted. The failure to attempt to complete ADR prior to the hearing may result in sanctions being imposed by the Court. Proof of attempt to mediate (or participation another ADR method) must be part of the court file.

The Petitioner or the moving party in a post decree action must file the DOMESTIC RELATIONS ADR INFORMATION FORM in the District Court Clerk's Office no later than 60 days from the date of service of the Petition or filing of the post decree motion.

If the parties do not choose an ADR provider, or do not designate an ADR provider on the Domestic Relations ADR Information Form, the state's Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) will schedule a mediation session, at its usual fee, and notify the parties of the date and time of their mediation appointment. ODR is located in the El Paso County Courthouse, at 20 East Vermijo Street, and can be reached at (719) 448-7777.

If ODR does schedule a mediation appointment, the parties may still use the ADR provider they have selected. If the parties choose their own ADR provider, even after the appointment has been scheduled, they or the provider they have chosen **SHALL NOTIFY ODR 3 business days in advance** to cancel the mediation appointment.

This Order is not intended to limit the right of the parties to have their dispute tried in a court of law, but not to assist the parties in arriving at their own decisions when they desire to do so.

BY THE COURT:

Robert Lowrey
Presiding Domestic Relations Judge

Authority: C.R.S. 14-10-129.5, 14-10-123.5(4), 13-22-301 et seq.; CRCP 16.2