SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA Office of the Executive Secretary

Mediation Feedback Form

1. What is Court Mediation?

Mediation is based on parties making their own decisions (SELF-DETERMINATION). It is an alternative to a trial and helps solve problems. Parties meet with a mediator to identify issues, discuss options, and reach their own agreement if possible. Attorneys can attend. Parties can have an agreement reviewed by an attorney before signing it. If no agreement is reached, parties can still go to court.

Mediation is CONFIDENTIAL (with a few exceptions). The mediator does not tell the court what happened in mediation.

Mediation is VOLUNTARY. To mediate, all parties in the dispute must agree to mediate.

Mediators are trained to be NEUTRAL. They do not take sides, make decisions for parties, provide legal advice, or recommend the terms of an agreement. Court mediators must be certified. There is a process for filing complaints against certified mediators.

2. Please share any comments about the mediation process and/or the mediator(s): Mediator(s) Name(s): _______ Mediation Date: ______ 3. Your contact information: Name: ______ Date: ______ (c) ______ Email: ______ Address: ______ (h) _______ City State Zip

Your comments help the court system understand your experience and improve mediation quality. **Questions?** Contact the Dispute Resolution Services staff at 804-786-6455.

Fax this form to 804-786-4760, email to xxxxxxxxx@vacourts.gov, or fold and mail to: DRS, Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia, 100 North Ninth Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

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