## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-23

## IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION



IT IS ORDERED that the following persons are hereby appointed as members of

the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation, thereby superceding

Administrative Order 2013-3.

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1. This Ad Hoc Committee is charged with assisting the Chief Judge in formulating policy and standards governing the qualifications of mediators and the operation of the mediation program under Local Rule 16.2. The Clerk of Court, or his designee, shall provide staff support to the Committee.

2. The Committee shall study and make recommendations as needed, but at least once every two years, about the total number of certified mediators necessary to support the Court's business, the terms of the service for certified mediators, review applications of prospective mediators, and make recommendations regarding certification of mediators to the Chief Judge as appropriate under the applicable standards.

3. The Committee will develop reporting requirements for mediators to assist in evaluating individual and group performance.

4. The Committee shall periodically review the work product, performance, reports, and records of certified mediators to assist the Court in ensuring the continuing integrity and quality of the process; monitoring compliance with all applicable ethical

principles; evaluating the effectiveness of the program; and assessing future needs. The Committee shall report its findings at least once annually to the Chief Judge.

5. The Committee is further charged with the responsibility of assisting the Court in formulating and implementing a mechanism for receiving and resolving complaints regarding the mediation process, specifically those addressed to the conduct of the certified mediator. Thereafter, the Committee shall review complaints received via this mechanism, and shall make confidential reports and recommendations to the Court as to what action, if any, it should take with respect to the Committee's findings.

This Committee shall remain in existence until further order of the Chief Judge. The terms of each of the members of this Committee shall be for three years from the date of this Administrative Order.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this <u>2nd</u> day of May, 2017.

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