

THE PALO ALTO AREA BAR ASSOCIATION ADR PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FORM AND AGREEMENT

In the case of _____ Case No.: _____

Petitioner: _____

Address: _____

Tel. #: _____

Email Address: _____

Respondent: _____

Address: _____

Tel. #: _____

Email Address: _____

Case Description: Please briefly describe the nature of your dispute:

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Please mark the appropriate description(s) to provide us with further information about the legal nature of the dispute:

- _____ Trusts/estates
- _____ Family Law
- _____ Personal Injury
- _____ Elder Abuse
- _____ Contract, business issues, commercial disputes
- _____ Employment
- _____ Small Claims
- _____ Real Estate

1. We agree to pay \$75 per party directly to the Palo Alto Area Bar Association (\$50 of which is an administrative fee for the Palo Alto Area Bar Association) immediately upon assignment by the program and receipt of the Mediator’s name and address. We understand that the mediation appointment will not be set until the Palo Alto Area Bar Association receives payment and the calendar of availability from both parties. This payment is in exchange for a single session not to exceed ninety (90) minutes. We understand that only one session will qualify for this reduced hourly rate, and there is no guarantee that all issues will be addressed at the first session. We further understand that we may arrange for and pay for additional sessions at the Mediator’s regular hourly rate. We also understand that the first session must be held within 45 days of the mediator receiving the payment or the payment will be forfeited.
2. We understand that it is our responsibility to seek a continuance (postponement) of any pending court dates and/or court orders, if needed.
3. If our case is a family law matter involving minor children and custody/visitation issues, the mediation offered through this program is not meant as a substitute for mandatory mediation through Family Court Services as required by law in matters where child custody and related issues are involved.
4. We understand that neither the Palo Alto Area Bar Association nor the Mediator who we utilize promises that we will reach an agreement during mediation and that the Mediator cannot represent either party.

Petitioner’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Respondent’s signature: _____ Date: _____