

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
WESTERN DIVISION**

STANDING ORDER ESTABLISHING MEDIATION PROCEDURE

In all initial pretrial conferences, the Judge or Magistrate Judge conducting that conference shall discuss with the parties the mediation program in the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division.

The following documents are part of this *Standing Order*:

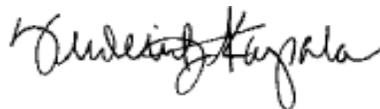
- A. The *Case Management Order*
- B. A pamphlet entitled *Opportunities for Alternative Dispute Resolution*.
- C. The *Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation*.
- D. The *Mediator Certification of Session* form (to be completed at the end of each mediation session).
- E. *Evaluation Forms* to be filled out by the mediators, the parties, and the attorneys participating in the mediation program.

All of the above documents are available at the Clerk's Office and at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/legal/wdadr

Where conflicts exist between the Illinois Uniform Mediation Act and the Western Division's *Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation*, any mediation conducted under the auspices of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division shall be held in conformity with the *Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation*.

Failure of either party to comply with the substance or spirit of this *Standing Order* may result in dismissal of the action, default or other sanctions that are merited under the circumstances.

ENTER:



Frederick J. Kapala, Judge
United States District Court

DATED: July 18, 2007