

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**JUDICIAL BRANCH**  
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Court Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

**GROUND RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN RULE 32 MEDIATION**

By participating in this process, I acknowledge that:

- I am participating in mediation in good faith. I affirm my willingness to speak honestly and disclose information important to bringing this matter to a fruitful outcome.
- I understand that the mediator is an impartial person whose role is to help us have a productive conversation about the matter that brought us here today and to help us decide how and on what terms we might resolve this matter. The mediator will not counsel, give advice about or make decisions regarding the outcome or resolution of this dispute.
- I understand that the mediator is not providing me with legal advice or counseling services and although it is not required, I understand that it is recommended that I consult with an attorney prior to signing any settlement agreement.
- I understand that, except as otherwise required by law or rule, the mediator will hold confidential the written and oral communications that occur prior to, during, or after, the mediation.
- I understand that I will not be able to subpoena the mediator as a witness in, or request the mediator's records for, any court, legal or administrative proceeding arising from the mediation and I understand the mediator will destroy any notes taken before or during the mediation.
- I acknowledge that any Memorandum of Understanding generated by the mediation shall be a record of the parties' mutually acceptable understanding of the issues discussed. Further, I acknowledge that the mediator shall give no opinion regarding the legal implications of the Ground Rules, the Memorandum of Understanding, any summaries of the parties' discussion or any resolution that is reached.

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Date                                      Petitioner or Plaintiff                                      Counsel for Petitioner or Plaintiff

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Date                                      Respondent or Defendant                                      Counsel for Respondent or Defendant

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Date                                      Mediator

(Mediator, please note that a copy of this form should be provided to all parties participating in Rule 32 mediation. Do not file this form with the court.)