Mediator Code of Conduct

This *Mediator Code of Conduct* has been adopted to promote and maintain the highest standard of personal conduct and professional ethics among Mediators appointed to serve Nevada's Foreclosure Mediation Program (the "FMP") by the Supreme Court of Nevada (the "Court"). Mediators serve at the pleasure of the Court and, through appointment to the FMP; each Mediator shall adopt and abide by this Code of Conduct, thereby promoting confidence in the integrity and services of the foreclosure mediation process.

1. <u>Rules</u>. The Mediator's actions and conduct are governed by the Foreclosure Mediation Statutes (Nevada Revised Statutes "NRS") and related legislation, the FMP Rules as adopted by the Nevada Supreme Court and Nevada Supreme Court decisions interpreting same, the Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators as revised and adopted in 2005 by the American Arbitration Association, American Bar Association, and Association of Conflict Resolution, Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, and this Code of Conduct.

2. <u>Self-Determination</u>. The Mediator shall conduct all mediations based upon the principle of party self-determination in which each party makes free and informed choices as to process and outcome. While the Mediator controls the mediation process, the parties control the outcome of the mediation.

3. <u>Impartiality</u>. The Mediator will be impartial in the way the mediation is conducted, without any appearance of bias or favoritism.

4. <u>Conflict of Interest.</u> The Mediator will avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest before, during, and after a mediation. The Mediator will decline any mediation request where there is or has been a personal or professional relationship with any of the parties or any financial interest in the matter or outcome of the mediation. The Mediator will not represent a party to a mediation in any other future matter while any portion of the mediation or related court case is still ongoing, and thereafter only if such representation does not create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

5. <u>Competence</u>. The Mediator will accept as a personal duty the responsibility to maintain professional competency as a mediator.

6. <u>Confidentiality</u>. The Mediator will maintain the confidentiality of all information concerning the details of the mediation. The Mediator acknowledges that all documents and discussions presented during the mediation shall be deemed confidential and inadmissible in any subsequent actions or proceedings, except as outlined in the Foreclosure Mediation Rules or as required by NRS Chapter 107, or as otherwise required by law.

7. <u>Advising.</u> The Mediator will not give legal or other advice to either of the parties, even if the Mediator is trained in that aspect of advice. The Mediator will not attempt to influence a party's decision in the mediation.

8. <u>Quality of the Process</u>. The Mediator will conduct all mediations in a manner that promotes diligence, timeliness, safety, presence of the appropriate participants, participation by parties, procedural fairness, and mutual respect among participants.

I hereby agree that I have read, understand and will abide by this Mediator Code of Conduct and the documents specifically outlined herein under Section "1. Rules."

Mediator's Signature

Date

Print Name

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