

DOMESTIC RELATIONS ADR INFORMATION FORM

Instructions for Family Court Form 300a

This form is to be completed and turned into the District Court Clerk's Office, Room 105, 60 days after the petition for divorce or post-decree motion is filed. When filing you will need the original form and 3 copies. One copy will be filed with the Clerk's office. The other copy will be filed with the Office of Dispute Resolution.

Mediation is ordered in all divorces except for the exceptions listed in the Blanket Domestic Relations Alternative Resolution (ADR) Order, Form #300.

The parties are free to agree on the ADR provider of their choice to assist them in resolving their dispute.

If you fail to notify ODR of your alternative provider of mediation, you will automatically be scheduled for mediation in the courthouse mediation office, and notified by mail of your appointment. If you choose an ADR provider after the notification of ODR setting, you are required to notify mediation at (719) 448-7777 3 business days prior to the hearing to cancel the appointment. The mediation expense is to be paid by both parties.

You can contact the Office of Dispute of Resolution in Room B-23 of the Judicial Building, or phone number (719) 448-7777 for further information.

Mediation is intended to provide the opportunity to reach agreement on as many contested issues as possible. Please be prepared to cooperate fully in the mediation process.

<input type="checkbox"/> District Court El Paso County, Colorado Court Address: 270 S. Tejon, PO Box 2980, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 <hr/> In re the marriage of: Petitioner: Vs Respondent: <hr/> Attorney or Party Without Attorney: (Name & Address) Phone Number: FAX Number: E-mail: Atty. Reg. #:	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <hr/> Case Number: Div.: Ctrm:
BLANKET DOMESTIC RELATIONS ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) ORDER	

The Court finds that issues are in dispute and that many Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services are available to assist the Court and the parties to resolve their dispute in a just, speedy and economical way. Mediation is usually the most appropriate ADR method to resolve domestic relations disputes. The parties, however, may choose an ADR method other than mediation to assist them in resolving their dispute with the approval of the Court.

The parties are free and are encouraged to agree on the ADR provider of their choice to assist them in resolving their dispute. ADR providers may be found in the ADR Providers Notebook, which is available in the El Paso County Law Library, or in the Teller County Court Clerk's Office, in the Yellow Pages, or from applicable directories of the Colorado Bar Association. The Court will neither appoint nor recommend a specific ADR provider unless the parties fail to agree on a provider or request the Court's assistance.

Unless the matter is subject to one of the following specifically noted exemptions, no contested Final Order or Post Decree matters will be set for hearing until a bona-fide attempt to mediate or use another ADR method has been completed.

1. ADR is exempted by C.R.S. 13-22-311
2. A claim that a party has been the victim of physical or psychological abuse by the other party.
3. There are compelling reasons which establish good cause to waive the
4. The parties have settled all issues before the court
use of ADR
5. The certification is filed with notice to set that parties agree to participate in ADR before the hearing.

That certificate shall state the specific reason why ADR would not be useful if attempted prior to setting the hearing, and that there is a greater likelihood that settlement will occur if ADR is conducted closer to the hearing date. If ADR has not been attempted before the hearing date, as certified, the hearing will be vacated, and will not be rescheduled until ADR has been attempted. The failure to attempt to complete ADR prior to the hearing may result in sanctions being imposed by the Court. Proof of attempt to mediate (or participation another ADR method) must be part of the court file.

The Petitioner or the moving party in a post decree action must file the DOMESTIC RELATIONS ADR INFORMATION FORM in the District Court Clerk's Office no later than 60 days from the date of service of the Petition or filing of the post decree motion.

If the parties do not choose an ADR provider, or do not designate an ADR provider on the Domestic Relations ADR Information Form, the state's Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) will schedule a mediation session, at its usual fee, and notify the parties of the date and time of their mediation appointment. ODR is located in the El Paso County Courthouse, at 20 East Vermijo Street, and can be reached at (719) 448-7777.

If ODR does schedule a mediation appointment, the parties may still use the ADR provider they have selected. If the parties choose their own ADR provider, even after the appointment has been scheduled, they or the provider they have chosen **SHALL NOTIFY ODR 3 business days in advance** to cancel the mediation appointment.

This Order is not intended to limit the right of the parties to have their dispute tried in a court of law, but not to assist the parties in arriving at their own decisions when they desire to do so.

BY THE COURT:

Timothy Simmons
Presiding Domestic Relations Judge

Authority: C.R.S. 14-10-129.5, 14-10-123.5(4), 13-22-301 et seq.; CRCP 16.2

<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> County El Paso County, Colorado Court address: 270 S. Tejon, P.O. Box 2980, Colorado Springs, CO 80901		Court Use Only
Petitioner / Moving Party: Address: City/State/ZIP: Telephone:		
Attorney or Party without Attorney(Name and Address): Phone Number: Email: FAX Number: Atty.Reg#:		
		Case Number: Division Courtroom
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To Petitioner or moving party in pre-decree and post decree action:

You must complete this form and bring it to the District Court Clerk's Office no later than sixty (60) days from the date of service of the petition or filing of the post decree motion. You must also mail a copy of this form to the opposing party or their attorney and mediation office.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS/ZIP CODE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Petitioner:	_____	_____	_____
Petitioner's Attorney:	_____	_____	_____
Respondent:	_____	_____	_____
Respondent's Attorney:	_____	_____	_____
GAL:	_____	_____	_____
*ADR Provider:	_____	_____	_____

* ADR providers may be found in the ADR Providers Notebook in the El Paso County Law Library or in the yellow pages or from applicable directors of the Colorado Bar Association

Please check the issues in dispute:

<input type="checkbox"/> Allocation of parental responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Pensions/IRAs/Accounts
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

If there are issues involving children:

Number of children: _____ Ages of children: _____

Date _____

 Petitioner/Moving party

I hereby certify that I have served the above notice this date of _____
by mailing a copy thereof to:

Name Address City State Zip

I hereby certify that I have mailed/hand delivered a copy of the above notice this date
of _____ to the Mediation (ADR) Office, Room B23, El Paso County Court, 20 E.
Vermijo Ave, PO Box 2980, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Signature of Petitioner/Moving Party Date

Original- Filed with Court
Copy- Filed with Mediation (ADR) Office