

**AGREEMENT FOR TRIAL BY REFERENCE PURSUANT TO R.C. §2701.10**

1. (Plaintiff/Petitioner)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
(Defendant/Respondent/Petitioner)\_\_\_\_\_  
(collectively, *the Parties*) do hereby agree that Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Court  
Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, be  
referred to retired Judge \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §2701.10.
2. This Agreement between the above listed parties and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.
3. The retired Judge shall receive evidence and render a decision in this case as to the following:  
 uncontested trial of the above listed case in its entirety, or  
 trial of the above listed action in its entirety, or  
 resolution of the following question of fact or law in the above captioned action, specifically:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. All hearings in this matter shall proceed according to the existing rules of civil procedure, rules of  
evidence, and any local rules enacted by the Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court.
5. All matters referred to the retired Judge shall be scheduled for a date certain and the *Motion for Referral,  
Agreed Entry*, and this *Agreement* will be filed with the Court at least 14 days prior to that date.
6. The Parties shall provide all forms, pleadings, and affidavits to the retired Judge at least 10 days prior  
to the hearing to allow for adequate review of those documents.
7. The decision rendered shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals or other court of competent jurisdiction.
8. The Parties agree that the retired Judge will be make an electronic recording of all proceedings, which will  
constitute the official record of the hearing.
9. The Parties agree to assume the responsibility for providing facilities, equipment, and personnel reasonably  
deemed necessary by the retired Judge during her/his consideration of the action or proceeding referred, and  
agree that they will pay all costs arising out of the provision of the facilities, equipment and personnel.
10. As compensation for the services provided by the retired Judge, the parties hereto agree to pay the fee  
of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or an hourly rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus all reasonable expenses incurred incident  
to the conduct of the proceedings. Payment of all amounts due and owing to the retired Judge for his  
services shall be made: \_\_\_\_\_.
11. If any different or additional terms or conditions are desired by the parties hereto and the retired Judge,  
the same will be appended hereto and signed by the parties and the retired Judge.
12. This matter shall be set for hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_ M.  
Any continuances of the above date shall be completed on the Court's own form and approved by the  
retired Judge in advance, and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of Courts in the appropriate Division.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff/Petitioner (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Retired Judge (Print Name)**

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Defendant/Respondent/Petitioner (Signature)

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**Retired Judge (Signature)**