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CINCINNATI, OHIO

IN RE

ORDER REGARDING ADOPTING  
MEDIATION PROGRAM

GENERAL ORDER NO. 48-1  
(Effective November 2, 2020)

The Court, being advised of programs which have successfully enabled mediations by attorneys and non-attorneys, hereby issues this General Order.

Effective immediately, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), a mediation program ("Mediation Program") is hereby adopted. The Mediation Program shall be implemented by the mediation procedures ("Mediation Procedures") posted on the Court's website. The Mediation Procedures shall include the mediation forms ("Mediation Forms").

The Mediation Program shall be available for all open bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings, and contested matters pending in this District on and following the effective date of this General Order.

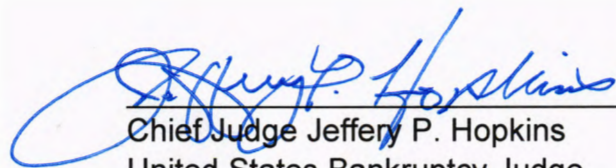
Notwithstanding the Mediation Program and the Mediation Procedures, nothing in the Mediation Program or Mediation Procedures nor in this General Order shall prohibit a bankruptcy judge before whom a case is assigned from appointing a settlement conference judge pursuant to LBR 9019-2, nor shall preclude the use of any other alternative dispute resolution procedure.

The Court may modify the Mediation Program, Mediation Procedures, and Mediation Forms from time to time, without prior notice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 11/2/2020

FOR THE COURT:

  
Chief Judge Jeffrey P. Hopkins  
United States Bankruptcy Judge  
Southern District of Ohio

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