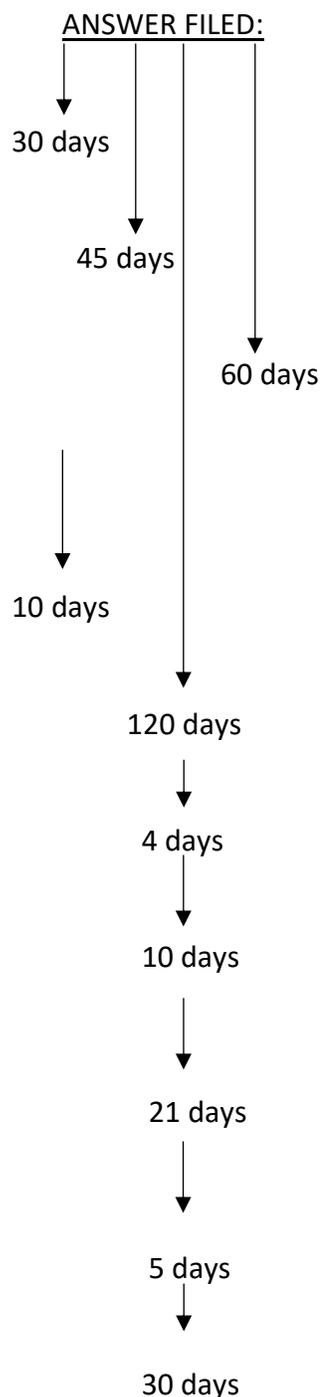


Domestic Relations Involving Children - Mediation Timetable



1. **ANSWER FILED:** Petition involving children is filed, and original notice is served, and an Answer or other responsive pleading is filed.
2. **WAIVER OF MEDIATION:** If the domestic relations matter involves domestic abuse pursuant to Chapter 236 or a history of domestic violence as defined by § 598.41(3)(j), the parties may seek a waiver by making a request with the court within 30 days of the filing of the Answer.
3. **EDUCATION:** Within forty-five (45) days of service of Answer being filed, the parties shall attend the Children In the Middle course.
4. **PARENTING PLAN OR SCHEDULING OF MEDIATION:** Within sixty (60) days of the Answer being filed, the parties must file a Negotiated Parenting Plan or schedule mediation.
5. **ASSIGNMENT OF MEDIATOR:** The parties may mutually select a mediator or the court may assign a mediator upon request. If no mediator has been selected by the time a trial scheduling conference is held, Court Administration shall assign a mediator.
6. **SCHEDULE MEDIATION:** Within ten (10) days following the assignment of a mediator, the parties shall provide contact information for the parties as well as all relevant pleadings or orders to the mediator and shall contact the mediator to schedule mediation.
7. **MEDIATION:** Mediation shall be held within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Answer being filed. Unless otherwise ordered or agreed, each party is expected to pay \$225 to the mediator for mediation.
8. **NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE:** The mediator shall file with the Clerk of Court through the EDMS system, a Notice of Compliance that the parties participated in mediation within four (4) days of the mediation session being held.
9. **PARENTING PLAN:** The Mediated Parenting Plan shall be reduced to writing within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the mediation and sent to the parties, their counsel and the Mediation Center.
10. **OBJECTIONS:** The parties and their attorneys have twenty-one (21) days to notify the Mediator and Mediation Center of any objections to the terms of the Mediated Parenting Plan. If no objections are made, the mediator shall file the Mediated Parenting Plan with the Clerk of Court through the EDMS system.
11. **OBJECTION EXTENSION PERIOD:** The making of an objection shall extend the twenty-one (21) day objection period for an additional five (5) days for responsive objections.
12. **POST OBJECTION PROCEDURE:** Further mediation or amendments to the Amended Parenting Plan shall be completed within thirty (30) days after objections are filed.
13. **AMENDED PARENTING PLAN:** Upon the completion of the Amended Parenting Plan, the mediator shall file said Amended Parenting Plan with the Clerk of Court through the EDMS system and send a copy of the Mediation Center.