

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY
P E N N S Y L V A N I A
CIVIL DIVISION – LAW

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Plaintiff	:	
vs.	:	
	:	No. _____ of 20 ____
	:	
Defendant	:	

PRE-TRIAL STATEMENT

(A copy is to be submitted to the Judge's Chambers & to all other parties at least **five (5)** days prior to a Pre-Trial Conference)

General Information:

Name of party submitting _____

Your Address: _____

Age: _____

Other Members of your household and relationship: _____

Employer: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Proximity of residence to other party: _____

1. For each child subject to in this action, state:

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB/Age</u>	<u>School and Grade</u>
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2. For all other children of which you have custody rights, state:

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB/Age</u>	<u>School and Grade</u>
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3. Provide a factual history of the issue(s) you believe have brought about this litigation (limit response to space below):

4. Describe, with specificity, any current or previous abuse, if any, committed by a party **or** member of a party's household, including; violence, PFAs, or any protective orders in which there was a finding of abuse:

5. Describe the availability of extended family or friends to assist or support you, with the child(ren)'s inclusive of child care, place, arrangements, and times:

6. Describe any past drug or alcohol abuse, and/or concerns regarding the mental or physical well-being of a party or a member of a party's household:

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10. Mediation Option:

By checking and signing next to the below box, you verify that you consent to participating in a mediation, whereas a judge will act as mediator. A “Mediation” is the process by which a neutral mediator (here, the judge) assists the parties in attempting to reach a mutually acceptable agreement on issues arising in a custody action. Pa.R.C.P. 1940.2. Any agreement reached by the parties must be based on the voluntary decisions of the parties and not the decision of the mediator. *Id.* Additionally, the parties’ consent to “caucusing,” a mediation procedure which may be used at the mediator’s discretion. Caucusing entails the parties being physically separated so the mediator can speak with the parties individually. The purpose of caucusing is to obtain a resolution in the matter, not to further one’s position. If the parties *cannot* reach an agreement, the mediation will cease and a trial will commence at a later time. In this event, the Judge will remain impartial and will not take into account any facts heard during the mediation efforts. Further, the parties waive any potential conflict of the judge conducting the mediation and also being the trier of fact if the case does not resolve at the mediation. Mediation can be a beneficial process as it allows for agreements to be reached by the parties while avoiding the cost and emotional toll of litigation.

By signing and checking the box below, the party has made an informed decision to partake in mediation:

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Sign and Print Name

Trial Information

Estimate time needed for trial: _____

Submitted by:

Signature

Printed Name

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of *(circle one) Plaintiff's / Defendant's* Pre-Trial Statement in the aforementioned case has been served upon the opposing party and counsel of record at the following address(es):

Signature

Printed Name

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Attorney No. (if applicable): _____