

NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:	STATE BAR NUMBER	<i>Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp</i>
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:		
PETITIONER:		
RESPONDENT:		
EARLY-STAGE FAMILY LAW CASE-PROCESSING AGREEMENT		CASE NUMBER:

This agreement is intended to encourage early-stage cooperation among the parties and their attorneys, if the parties are represented, in this dissolution of marriage or legal separation case. It is intended to assist the parties and attorneys in efficient case processing and resolution, regardless of whether the final judgment is obtained by agreement or by trial.

This agreement can be used in any type of proceeding chosen by the parties, including in a litigated case, a mediation, a collaborative law proceeding, or an arbitration.

The parties and their attorneys, if the parties are represented, enter into the following agreement to cooperate in efficient processing and resolution of this matter.

1. The parties and their attorneys, if the parties are represented, shall meet and confer within 15 days of execution of this agreement (in person, via teleconference, or via audio conference) regarding:
 - a. Exchange of the most important documents relating to the most significant issues;
 - b. Exchange of other information that might be helpful to facilitate the understanding, handling, and resolution of the case;
 - c. Cooperative handling of current time-sensitive issues (e.g., current living expenses, child sharing schedule, and preservation or use of newly received income or assets);
 - d. Tailored limited-scope formal discovery (without waiving the right to additional formal discovery later in the case); and
 - e. Identification of discovery issues or court rulings reasonably required for meaningful settlement discussions.
2. The parties and their attorneys, if the parties are represented, shall consider whether to prepare stipulated orders to implement any of the foregoing.
3. The mediation privilege applies herein only if there is a mediation pursuant to Evidence Code sections 1115-1129.

It is so agreed.

Dated: _____

Petitioner (Print)

Petitioner (Signature)

Dated: _____

Respondent (Print)

Respondent (Signature)

Dated: _____

Counsel for Petitioner (Print)

Counsel for Petitioner (Signature)

Dated: _____

Counsel for Respondent (Print)

Counsel for Respondent (Signature)