

Appendix XXIX-A

Note: Adopted July 27, 2015 to be effective September 1, 2015.

The following questionnaire shall be reviewed and executed by each party to a Family Part matter prior to execution of an Agreement or Consent Order submitting their family law matter dispute to arbitration/alternate dispute resolution.

ARBITRATION/ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

1. Have you read the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you understand all of the terms of the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you understand that you have the right to a trial in the Superior Court of New Jersey in which a judge would render a decision, and that by entering into the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement, you are waiving your right to a trial?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you understand by agreeing to arbitration/alternate dispute resolution that you are also waiving your right to appeal to the Appellate Division except in limited circumstances?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you understand that decisions rendered by the arbitrator/umpire cannot be challenged, vacated, amended or changed except in limited circumstances as may be set forth in the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you had ample time to reflect upon and consider the implications of your decision to arbitrate/resolve this case, rather than presenting it to a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have you entered into the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement freely and voluntarily without coercion or duress being exercised upon you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are you under the influence of any substances, such as drugs, medication or alcohol that may affect your ability to understand or voluntarily consent to the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Have you had sufficient time to have all of your questions answered by your attorney (if you have one) and if you are not represented by an attorney are you waiving your right to have an	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

attorney answer any questions you may have regarding the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	
10. Do you agree to be bound by the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution agreement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please answer the following questions only if child support, custody and/or parenting time is an issue:</i>	
11. Do you understand that an award pertaining to child support, custody or parenting time can be vacated if either you or the other party can establish that it threatens or poses a risk of harm to the child(ren)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do you understand that you will not be able to challenge, vacate, modify, or amend the arbitrator/umpire's award solely because you think the best interests of your child(ren) are better served by a different decision or because you disagree with it?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Do you understand that all documentary evidence and a record of testimony presented during the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding pertaining to the custody and parenting time of your child(ren) must be maintained and kept?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Do you understand that you may need to hire a court stenographer, for which you and/or the other party will bear the cost, to transcribe the proceeding or that the arbitrator will have to create a detailed record for review through some other agreed upon methodology?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

I certify that I have read each and every question in this questionnaire. I certify that the foregoing answers made by me are true. I understand that if the foregoing answers made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

(name)
