

New Jersey Judiciary

Appendix XXIX-D - Arbitrator/Umpire Disclosure Adopted July 27, 2015

The following disclosure shall be reviewed and executed by the arbitrator/umpire prior to execution of an Agreement or Consent Order submitting a family law matter dispute to arbitration/alternate dispute resolution.

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It is important that the parties have complete confidence in the arbitrator/umpire's impartiality. Therefore, any past or present relationship with the parties, their counsel, or potential witnesses, direct or indirect, whether financial, professional, social, or of any other kind must be disclosed. Any doubts should be resolved in favor of disclosure.			
1.	Do you have any financial or personal interest in the outcome of this arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
	Do you or your law firm presently represent any person in a proceeding involving any party to the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
3.	Do you have any existing or past financial, business, professional, family or social relationships which are likely to affect your impartiality in this arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding or which might reasonably create an appearance of partiality or bias?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
4.	Does your spouse, minor child(ren) residing in your household, your current employer, partner(s) or business associate(s) have any existing or past financial, business, professional, family or social relationships which are likely to affect your impartiality in this arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding or which might reasonably create an appearance of partiality or bias?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
5.	Have you or your law firm represented any person against any party to the arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceeding?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
6.	Have you had any professional or social relationship with counsel for any party in this proceeding or the firms for which they work?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
7.	Have you had any professional or social relationship with any parties or witnesses identified to date in this proceeding or the entities for which they work?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
8.	Have you or your law firm had any professional or social relationship of which you are aware with any relative of any of the parties to this proceeding, or any relative of counsel to this proceeding, or any of the witnesses identified to date in the proceeding?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
9.	Have you ever served as an arbitrator/umpire in a proceeding in which any of the identified witnesses or named individual parties gave testimony?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
10.	Have you ever served as an expert witness or consultant to any party, attorney, witness or other arbitrator identified in this proceeding?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
	Have any of the party representatives, law firms or parties appeared before you in past arbitration/alternate dispute resolution proceedings?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
	Have you ever sued or been sued by either party or their representative?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
13.	Are there any connections, direct or indirect, with any of the case participants that have not been covered by the above questions?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌

nature of the potential conflict(s) on an attached page.

I understand that the duty to disclose is a continuing duty, which requires me to disclose at any stage of the arbitration, any such interests, or relationship that may arise, or which are recalled or discovered and my failure to do so may be grounds to vacate the award.

(Arbitrator/Umpire)

Dated: ______

Should the answer to any question be "Yes," or if you are aware of any other information that may lead to a justifiable doubt as to your impartiality or independence or create an appearance of partiality, then describe the

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