IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AT KANSAS CITY

FAMILY COURT DIVISION

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, )**

**Petitioner, )**

**v. ) Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**) Division 3**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, )**

**Respondent. )**

**SCHEDULING ORDER AND**

**NOTICE OF TRIAL SETTING**

Now on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, this matter is called before the Court. Petitioner appears in person and by attorney       and Respondent appears in person and by attorney      . In addition, the following persons appear regarding this case (if any): . The Court, being fully advised in the premises, does hereby enter the following Orders:

1. **TRIAL**:  This matter is set for trial on at a.m./p.m. in Division 3 of the Jackson County Circuit Court. All parties and witnesses shall be present and ready to proceed. The parties estimate that the complete trial will last days. NO CONTINUANCES WILL BE GRANTED ABSENT A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE MADE KNOWN TO THE COURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE**: If, one month prior to the scheduled trial date, this case has not been settled, the parties shall jointly contact the law clerk for Division 3 and schedule a pre-trial conference. The pre-trial conference will be held approximately two weeks before trial. Counsel who will actually try the case must attend the pre-trial conference. Individual parties must be available by telephone to discuss the case, including settlement of the case.

3. **AMENDED PLEADINGS**: Petitioner/Respondent shall be granted days from the date of this Order to file

Amended Petition   Answer

Counter-Petition    Counter-Motion to Modify

a) with a count for Determination of Father-Child Relationship; and/or

b) factual allegations which support request for supervised/monitored visitation.

4. **JOINDER OF PARTY**:

a) State of Missouri, Family Support Division, 615 Howerton Court, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, is joined as a party in this case on the issue(s) of paternity, child support, state debt, and/or health insurance.

b) Minor child (insert name and date of birth) is joined on the issue of paternity.

c) Petitioner/Respondent is appointed Next Friend for the minor child.

d) Other

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5. **DISCOVERY CLOSURE DATE**: Discovery in this case shall close as of unless an extension is otherwise ordered by the Court. Discovery must be *completed* on or before the closure date stated above. Discovery includes, but is not limited to, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, depositions, and requests for admissions. Completion of discovery contemplates a timely exchange of discovery and timely responses thereto. Discovery may not be conducted after the closure date except by agreement of the parties or a prior order of the Court for good cause shown upon the filing of a timely motion to extend discovery filed *before* the original closure date. *An agreement of the parties to conduct discovery after the closure day shall not constitute grounds for continuance of the trial*. Nothing contained herein shall excuse a party from the continuing obligation to update responses to discovery or to respond to discovery requests made before the closure date set forth above.

**All requirements of Jackson County Circuit Court Local Rule 68.4 shall be strictly complied with.** The property ledger required by Jackson County Circuit Court Local Rule 68.4.2 SHALL BE prepared and served no later than 10 business days before trial – the parties shall use Form 1402J for this purpose. Pursuant to Local Rule, the ledger shall be submitted to the Court at the commencement of trial and **shall not** be electronically filed.

6. **MEDIATION**: The court has considered whether not mediation will assist the parties in discussing contested issues in this case. Being fully advised, the Court makes the following **Orders** regarding mediation:  
  Mediation Pursuant to Local Rule 68.12 and the Sliding Fee Schedule:

One or both parties have requested a sliding fee scale to apply, recognizing that there is no choice in mediators. The issues to be mediated are limited to custody, parent time, and/or visitation. The mediator is to be assigned and coordinated through the Family Court Resource Services. The parties are ordered to file their respective Form 15 with the Family Court Resource Services at 103 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Independence, Missouri 64050, within five (5) days of the date of this Order. Fees shall be assessed on a sliding scale basis.

Please contact Mediation Section to schedule:

OR

Mediation not limited by Local Rule 68.12 and conducted pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 17 and 88. The mediator is designated as follows:

**Mediator's Fee**:

The Petitioner shall pay % of the mediator’s fee.

The Respondent shall pay % of the mediator’s fee.

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**Matters to be mediated include but are not limited to: Custody, Parenting Time, Parenting Issues,**

OR

**Mediation Waived**: For good cause shown, the Court waives the requirement for mediation directed by Supreme Court Rule 88 and Local Rule 68.12, and does not require mediation in this case pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 17.

7. **PARENT EDUCATION CLASS**: Petitioner/Respondent shall schedule the following classes immediately and complete the required classes within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, by calling (816) 881-1814:

FOCIS (Focus On Children In Separation)

RE-FOCIS (Re-Focus On Children In Separation)

PTLA (Parenting Together Living Apart)

8. **GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)**:

The parties have no basis for the appointment of a GAL.

The parties have indicated a basis for the appointment of a GAL and the Court will appoint a as GAL for the minor child/children herein. The details of the appointment shall be fully set forth in a separate Order of the Court.

The Court finds that a GAL would be helpful in representing the interests of the minor child/children in this matter and the Court will appoint a GAL for the minor child/children. The details of the appointment shall be fully set forth in separate Order of the Court.

9. **SUPERVISED VISITATION**: For Petitioner/Respondent with minor child/children through:

Connections Program – contact (816) 881-1814

Guardian Program – contact (816) 257-9236

10. **NEW ORDERS**: The following are new Orders or modifications of existing Orders:

11. **TEMPORARY CHILD SUPPORT**: Petitioner/Respondent shall pay the sum of $ per month for the support of their minor child/children beginning and continuing each month until further Order of the court. A statutory income withholding order shall attach to the earnings or income in the amount of the monthly child support. Payments shall be made to the Family Support Payment Center, P.O. Box 109002, Jefferson City, Missouri 65110-9002.

12. **MISCELLANEOUS**: The following matters were also discussed at the Case Management Conference:

**IT IS SO ORDERED**.

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| **Date** |  | **JERRI J ZHANG, Judge Division 3** |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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| This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was hand |
| delivered/faxed/emailed/mailed and/or sent through |
| the eFiling system to the following attorneys of record  on . |

and to anyone appointed as GAL or in any

other capacity, and to the parties/attorneys

in this case who did not appear in court.

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| Law Clerk or Judicial Administrative Assistant, Division 3 |

*Trial and Pretrial Conference Dates were entered into JIS on by .*