

PROPOSED CHANGE TO HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL RULE
10.07 FAMILY LAW MEDIATION

Please submit all written comments by October 15, 2008 to:

Paula Thompson, Circuit Court Clerk
Attention: Susan Sissom
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Chattanooga, TN 37402

Counsel shall comply with all statutes regarding mediation in divorce cases including, but not limited to, those involving assets, liabilities, alimony, and parenting plans. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to exchange at least one day prior to mediation, and no later than the date of mediation, preliminary asset and liability statements, income and expense statements, proposed division of assets and liabilities, and proposed parenting plans with supporting documentation. Pursuant to the applicable mediation statutes, these documents shall not be admissible in court and shall be used for settlement negotiations purposes only. These documents shall contain a statement to that effect.

Comment

The addition of this rule will facilitate the exchange of pertinent information before or at the mediation, which will enhance the likelihood of success at the mediation.