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| District Court Juvenile Court  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Colorado  Court Address:  In re:  The Marriage of:  The Civil Union of:  Parental Responsibilities concerning:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Petitioner:  and  Co-Petitioner/Respondent: | ▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲ Case Number:  Division Courtroom |
| STIPULATED MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF VOICE OF THE CHILD EXPERT | |

The Parties requests the appointment of an expert pursuant to C.R.C.P. 16.2(g)(2) to complete a Voice of the Child Report and file their written report with the Court.

The Parties believes the appointment of a Voice of the Child expert is appropriate. The Parties provide the following detailed reasons for requesting the appointment of a Voice of the Child expert: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Voice of the Child Report is prepared by an expert who is either a mental health professional or an attorney with experience as a children’s advocate.  The expert interviews the child (or children) privately, usually twice, to learn the child’s views about pending parenting issues.  These interviews are private, but not confidential, as the expert prepares a written report.  The report provides a summary of the child’s view from the child’s frame of reference, and the child’s wishes, if expressed.  The expert does not conduct assessments or evaluations, make recommendations, or report the parents’ or caregivers’ perspectives.  The report reflects the child’s own views, as conveyed to the expert interviewer, who conveys that information and the expert’s observations in a written report to the Court and parties.

The Parties acknowledge the content of the Voice of the Child Report contains hearsay statements. The Parties stipulate and agree to waive any objection on the basis of hearsay to the Report’s admission as evidence in a court proceeding.

The Parties requests the appointment of:

Name of Expert: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Petitioner Co-Petitioner/Respondent contacted , the proposed expert. The proposed expert represents they are qualified and willing to take the case. The proposed expert requires a retainer of and bills at an hourly rate of . The proposed expert expects to complete the written report in days.

The proposed expert’s curriculum vitae/resume is attached to the motion.

For all Voice of the Child Reports, the total fees and costs of the expert shall not exceed $1,250.00 without further order of the Court setting forth specific findings of extraordinary circumstances justifying additional fees and costs. If the Court is approving a higher amount at the time of this order, a separate order must be attached containing said findings.

The Parties requests that the fees of the Voice of the Child expert are to be paid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% by the Petitioner and % by the Co-Petitioner/Respondent.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner

Date:

Co-Petitioner/Respondent

Attorney for Co-Petitioner/Respondent

##### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) the original was filed with the Court; and, a true and accurate copy of the *Motion for the Appointment of a Voice of the Child Expert* was served on the other party by:

Hand Delivery E-filed Faxed to this number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or by placing it in the United States mail, postage pre-paid, and addressed to the following:

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Petitioner or Co-Petitioner/Respondent