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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 |
| ORDER APPOINTING VOICE OF THE CHILD EXPERT | |

This matter came before the Court on the Parties’ stipulated motion for the appointment of a Voice of the Child expert.

The Court finds it is reasonable, appropriate and in the child(ren)’s best interest to appoint the following expert:

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

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

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

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

          The purpose of this Report is as follows: 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.

**Information about the Petitioner**: Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Attorney:

Mailing Address:

City & Zip:

Home Phone #: Work Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the Co-Petitioner/Respondent**: Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Attorney:

Mailing Address:

City & Zip:

Home Phone #: Work Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the child(ren):**

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| **Full Name of Child** | **Date of Birth** |
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Both Parties have a duty to cooperate with and supply documents and other information requested by the Voice of the Child expert.

***Absent further court order or specific request from the expert, the Parties are to comply with the service agreements provided by the Voice of the Child expert.***

The Court orders the expert fees, including the initial retainer of to be paid % by the Petitioner and % by the Co-Petitioner/Respondent within 14 days of this order.

For all Voice of the Child Reports, the total fees and costs of the Voice of the Child 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 is attached containing said findings.

The Court directs the expert to complete and file a written report with the Court and provide a copy to counsel and any parties not represented by counsel within days from receipt of payment of the retainer.

The Court shall receive the Voice of the Child Report into evidence without further foundation unless a party notes an objection in the Trial Management Certificate. The parties both waive their right to object to the admission of the Report on the basis of hearsay.

Any request for a rebuttal report shall be filed within 14 days of the filing of the Voice of the Child Report or the right to a rebuttal report shall be waived.

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

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District Court Magistrate / Judge

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Date), I mailed, faxed, e-filed, or hand-delivered a copy of this Order to the following:

* Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner *pro se*
* Attorney for Co-Petitioner/Respondent or Co-Petitioner/Respondent *pro se*
* Professional Expert
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk