

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Case No.

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Plaintiff(s),)	ORDER FOR REFERRAL
)	TO PRO SE SETTLEMENT
v.)	ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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Defendant(s).)	

This matter is before the Court on the Motion for appointment of Program Counsel by the Pro Se Litigant and [Attorney]. Having reviewed the court file and considered the motion, the Court is of the opinion that the motion should be allowed and that this matter should be referred to the Pro Se Settlement Assistance Program (“Program”).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion is GRANTED;
2. All parties to this lawsuit will participate in a settlement conference pursuant to the Program and as directed by this order before undertaking any other action with respect to this lawsuit.
3. Solely in connection with the program [Attorney] is appointed as Program Counsel for the Pro Se Litigant for the limited purpose of assisting the Pro Se Litigant with the settlement conference and procedures associated with the Program. Program Counsel has no obligation to conduct discovery, to prepare or respond to any motions, participate in the trial or take any other action on behalf of the Pro Se Litigant in this lawsuit.
4. Within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order, the parties shall designate a mediator who is certified in this district to preside over a mediated settlement conference and will file an appropriate Notice of Designation of Mediator.
5. Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, the parties shall hold a mediated settlement conference. The conference will be governed by the North Carolina Rules Implementing Statewide Mediated Settlement Conferences as adopted and amended by Local Civil Rule

16.3. Within five (5) days after the conclusion of the conference, the Mediator shall file with the Court a report describing the result of the mediated settlement conference.

6. If the Mediator's Report states that the parties have reached an agreement as to all issues, the Program Counsel's limited representation of the Pro Se Litigant shall terminate upon the closing of the court file through an appropriate dismissal, provided that the Program Counsel's representation shall not extend beyond thirty (30) days after filing of the Mediator's Report absent further order of the court. If the Mediator's Report states that the parties have not reached an agreement as to all issues or if the settlement conference terminated at an impasse, the Program Counsel's limited representation of the Pro Se Litigant will terminate upon the filing of the Mediator's Report.
7. If, after completion of the settlement conference, this matter is not dismissed in its entirety, the parties shall conduct the Initial Attorney's Conference (Local Rule 16.1) and file the required Certification Form thereof. The Court will then enter an appropriate case management and scheduling order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.