

**POLICY REGARDING FINAL TRIAL SETTINGS  
AND MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

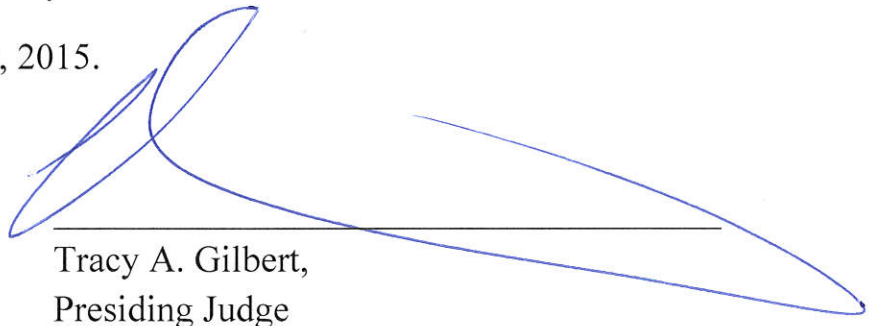
If the parties have filed a mediated settlement agreement with the Court prior to the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference **AND** have notified the Court of such filing, then no appearance at the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference is necessary if the parties plan to prove up the agreement on the Final Trial date.

If the parties are requesting additional time (beyond the Final Trial date) to enter agreed final orders pursuant to a mediated settlement agreement, then an appearance at the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference is still mandatory unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

If the parties file a mediated settlement agreement before the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference and fail to appear for the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference or the Final Trial, the case will be dismissed.

If a mediated settlement agreement is filed between the Docket Call-Pretrial Conference and the Final Trial date, an appearance at the Final Trial is still mandatory unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Signed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
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Tracy A. Gilbert,  
Presiding Judge