

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: Amendments to the South Carolina Court-Annexed
Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules

Appellate Case No. 2012-213642

ORDER

Pursuant to Article V, § 4, of the South Carolina Constitution, the South Carolina Court-Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules are hereby amended as provided in the attachment to this order. These amendments shall be submitted to the General Assembly as provided by Art. V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution.

s/ Jean H. Toal C.J.

s/ Costa M. Pleicones J.

s/ Donald W. Beatty J.

s/ John W. Kittredge J.

s/ Kaye G. Hearn J.

Columbia, South Carolina
January 31, 2013

**Rule 4(d)(1), South Carolina Court-Annexed
Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules, is amended to provide as follows:**

(1) If there are unresolved issues of custody or visitation, the court may in its discretion order an early mediation of those issues upon motion of a party or upon the court's own motion.

**The first sentence of Rule 4(d)(2), South Carolina Court-Annexed
Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules, is amended to provide as follows:**

(2) If issues are in dispute and no Proof of ADR has been filed certifying that the issues have been mediated, the parties must mediate those issues prior to the scheduling of a hearing on the merits; provided, however, the parties may submit the issues of property and alimony to binding arbitration in accordance with subparagraph (5).

SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY