# SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

#### ORDER

# Fee Schedule for Dispute Resolution Services Provided by the Office of Dispute Resolution Independent Contractors

Whereas, pursuant to Section 13-22-305(3) C.R.S., a party using mediation or other forms of dispute resolution offered by the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) shall pay a fee as prescribed by Order of the Supreme Court; and

Whereas, ODR is expanding its services with Online Dispute Resolution services via an online platform (hereinafter "e-ODR Services"); and

Whereas, these fees shall apply to the following services provided by ODR independent contractors: e-ODR Services, in-person or tele-conference mediation, early neutral case evaluation and assessment, settlement conference, arbitration, med-arb, parenting coordination, parental decision-making, family group conferencing, family group decision-making, mini-trials, summary jury trials, and any other ancillary forms of alternative dispute resolution, including restorative justice practices; and

Whereas the following fee schedule is hereby adopted effective February \_\_\_\_, 2023:

#### e-ODR Services through ODR's online platform (small claims, county or district court):

- I. For parties: no charge
- II. For ODR independent contractor
  - \$100 per hour for mediation services (paid by State of Colorado)

#### In-Person or via Teleconference:

- I. District Court Civil cases (including probate, domestic relations, and juvenile cases)
  - \$75 per party per hour
  - The following fees (per case, split between the parties) apply to the One Day Jury Trial process: \$800 for the neutral
  - \$80 per hour for Early Neutral Assessment services (paid by State of Colorado)

#### II. County Court Civil

- \$30 per party per hour for small claims cases
- \$50 per party per hour

# Fees for Services provided to Government Agencies

• Fees \$75 per party per hour

# Reduced Fees upon an Indigency Determination (all court and case types)

• For parties: \$15 per party per hour

• For <u>ODR independent contractor</u>: \$40 per party per hour (paid by State of Colorado upon proof of acceptable indigency proof presented by contract neutral).

# Senior Judge Program

When services are provided by senior judges being paid from the Senior Judge Program, the hourly fees are waived.

### Late Cancellations or No-Shows

A party may be charged up to two hours for services for late cancellations (less than seven calendar days' notice) prior to the dispute resolution session, or if a party fails to appear for a scheduled appointment.

## **Full Fee Waivers**

The ODR Director may grant full or partial fee waivers pursuant to Section 13-22-305 (3) C.R.S., in his or her discretion based upon need, factors of the case, ability to pay, and program fund availability.

Done this 6 day of March 2023

Brian D. Boatright, Chief Justice