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We wish to obtain a Massachusetts divorce as simply and as sensibly as possible. We understand the mediation description by the Law Office of Alexander Nesson and are willing to make a good-faith effort to reach agreement.

We agree to hire Alexander Nesson as mediator at the hourly rate of \$130 plus costs. There is a two hour minimum charge, at the same hourly rate, for the drafting of the separation agreement. We agree to pay all resulting mediation fees and costs in the following manner: _____% by the Wife and _____% by the Husband.

We understand that the mediator we hire shall not represent either or both of us as an attorney at any time in connection with our divorce. During the mediation, we agree to fully disclose all aspects of our financial situations and to participate fully in all efforts to arrive at a reasonable and fair settlement of the issues raised by our divorce. We understand we may consult our own respective attorneys at any time.

We understand no present law fully protects what we tell the mediator or the contents of the mediator's file from disclosure in a court proceeding. Because we want our mediation to be confidential, however, we agree that neither of us will seek to obtain the testimony of the mediator or the disclosure of the mediator's file in conjunction with any court proceeding, and we further agree that if one of us seeks such testimony or disclosure in contravention of this provision, that person will indemnify the mediator as to all costs in connection therewith, including attorney fees, and will compensate the mediator for time spent, such compensation to be at the mediator's then current hourly rate.

We understand the mediator is in charge of the mediation and that he or she will give each of us equal time as much as possible during the process, whether mediation sessions take place together or separately, and that he or she will not take sides other than to help guide us to a reasonable and realistic agreement. We also understand we are not required to agree to mediate any issue or to reach agreement on any issue.

Wife

Husband