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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of)
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CR 39.1 MEDIATION)
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS)
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GENERAL ORDER

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 39.1(b)(2)(D), the following training requirements must be met before an attorney can be included on the register of qualified mediators and arbitrators maintained by the Federal Bar Association's Committee on Court Congestion and Administration.

Attorneys Appointed to the Register Prior to January 1, 1998. On or prior to January 1, 1998, every attorney desiring to remain a member of the court's register of qualified mediators and arbitrators shall certify that, during the 36 months immediately preceding his or her certification, he or she has completed 15 hours of mediation training or experience, calculated as set forth below in section 5.

2. Attorneys Applying for Appointment to the Register After December 31, 1997. Effective January 1, 1998, every applicant for appointment to the court's register of qualified mediators and arbitrators, shall certify that, during the 36 months immediately preceding his or her certification, he or she has completed 15 hours of mediation training or

2 experience, calculated as set forth below in section 5. An attorney who makes such certification
3 and meets the requirements of CR 31.1(b)(2) shall become a member of the court's register
4 effective on January 1 of the year following such certification.

5 3. Recertification Every 3 Years. After initial certification, each attorney desiring
6 to remain a member of the court's register of qualified mediators and arbitrators shall recertify,
7 during each three-year period after his or her initial certification date, that he or she has
8 completed an additional 15 hours of mediation training or experience, calculated as set forth
9 below in section 5.

10 4. Failure to Provide Initial Certification or Recertification. An attorney's
11 failure to timely provide the certification required above shall result in the attorney's removal
12 from the court's register of qualified mediators and arbitrators. However, an attorney removed
13 from the register for this reason may reapply for reappointment pursuant to the above provisions
14 when the requisite training or experience has been obtained.

15 5. Calculation of Mediation Credits. For purposes of meeting the 15 hours of
16 mediation training or experience required under sections 1, 2, or 3 above:

17 (a) One continuing legal education credit approved or accredited by the
18 Washington State Bar Association pertaining to training in mediation shall constitute hour of
19 training or experience;

20 (b) Observation of one mediation proceeding conducted by an experienced
21 mediator shall constitute 2 hours of training or experience;

22 (c) Presiding over one mediation, whether or not conducted pursuant to CR
23 39.1, shall constitute 2 hours of training or experience;

2 provided, however, that no more than 10 of the required 15 hours of training or experience
3 shall be allowed for credits through subsections (b) or (c) set forth above.

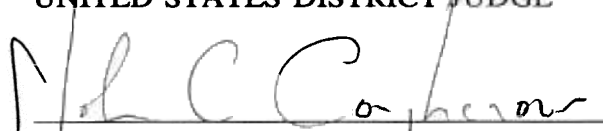
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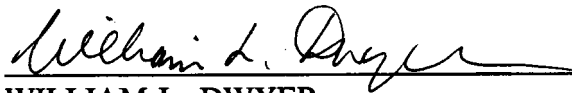
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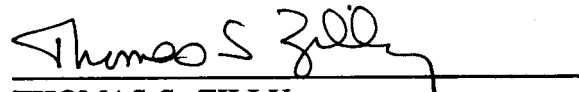
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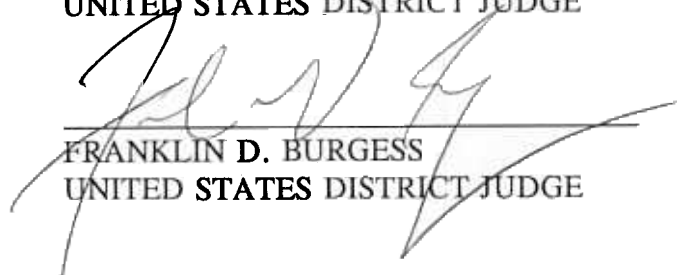
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