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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2025-18

REFERRAL OF MATTERS FOR
MEDIATION PURSUANT TO
EASTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON LOCAL CIVIL
RULE 16(a)(5)(C)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(a) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83, the Court has adopted Local Civil Rule 16(a)(5)(C), allowing a presiding judge in selected cases to refer matters for mediation to a magistrate judge, a district judge, or a bankruptcy judge designated by the Court.

As a component of the referral of these matters for mediation, the Court specifically authorizes such magistrate judges, district judges and bankruptcy judges, as part of the performance of their judicial duties, to act as settlement judges through judge hosted settlement conferences.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all magistrate judges, district judges and bankruptcy judges of this district are designated as possible judicial neutrals pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 651-658 and are authorized to act as settlement judges

1 through judge hosted settlement conferences within the Eastern District of
2 Washington. This General Order is consistent with and clarification of Local Civil
3 Rule 16(a)(5)(A), Local Civil Rule 16(a)(5)(C) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 9019-
4 3.

5 The District Court Executive is directed to post a copy of this General Order
6 on the Court's public website and transmit copies of this General Order to the judges
7 and Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for posting on the Bankruptcy Court's public
8 website.

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10 **IT IS SO ORDERED**, on behalf of the Court.

11 **DATED** this 1st day of October, 2025.

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14 STANLEY A. BASTIAN
Chief United States District Judge