

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING RULE 16

OF THE FAMILY COURT RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Rule 16 of the Family Court Rules of Civil Procedure shall be amended by striking subsection (b)(4) and replacing it with the following:

(4) If the matter is not resolved at the mediation conference by a permanent, temporary or interim agreement of the parties, the mediator shall recommend an interim contact schedule based on information received at the mediation conference and in the best interest of the child(ren).

The mediator's recommendation shall be reviewed by a Judge and if the recommendation is approved, it shall become an interim order of contact, without prejudice to either party, pending a full hearing. In the event that the mediator's recommendation is not approved, the Court shall enter an appropriate interim order.

2. This amendment shall take effect after 30 days notice to the Bar.

BY THE COURT: