



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Court**

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**DIVORCE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE CHECKLIST**

**1. DISCOVERY:**

All discovery shall be completed no later than           (DATE)          . Failure to comply with this paragraph may bar the introduction of the testimony or evidence at trial.

**2. WITNESSES AND EXPERTS:**

The names, addresses, and field of expertise of all witnesses and experts any party intend to call and photocopies of all documentary evidence any party intends to introduce at trial will be furnished to all remaining counsel by           (DATE)          . Failure to comply with this paragraph may bar the introduction of the testimony or evidence at trial.

**3. MEDIATION:**     Court Ordered     On Motion     Stipulated

Matter to be mediated:

Real Property Dispute

Spousal Support

Business Interest Dispute

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This case shall be mediated not later than: \_\_\_\_\_

By Peacemakers

By Independent Mediator - Phone Number: 231-477-5381

The mediators fee will be paid by:

Plaintiff

Defendant

Shared Percentage

\_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff %

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant %

**4.** If the parties cannot agree as to the distribution of the equity in the real estate or as to the value of the same, an appraiser will be appointed by the court. The

appraisers fee shall be paid by:  Plaintiff  Defendant  Shared Percentage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff % \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant %

5. APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN DISPUTE.

If the parties cannot agree as to the distribution of personal property or as the value of any personal property, an appraiser will be appointed by the court. The court will be provided with a written report upon payment of the costs of the appraisal.

7. TRIAL REQUIREMENTS.

The Court shall be provided with briefs one week before trial with:

- A short statement of facts and issues in dispute
- A list of witnesses to be called
- An itemized list of all assets and their values
- A proposed schedule of property division
- A proposed schedule of custody and parenting time (if applicable)
- A proposed schedule of child support payments (if applicable) including:
  1. Proof of income, underemployment or unemployment
  2. A copy of the Michigan Child Support Guidelines calculation
  3. If a business owner, a copy of the Michigan Occupation Guidelines for the type of business to show potential or imputed ability to earn.
  4. Argument of laws (including proper citations) and facts supporting the relief sought.

THE PARTIES STIPULATE TO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

SPOUSAL SUPPORT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  None  Other \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD SUPPORT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  Complies with guidelines

Does not comply with guidelines: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL TAX DEPENDENCY EXEMPTION:

Plaintiff  Defendant  Yearly Review  Permanent

LEGAL CUSTODY

Plaintiff  Defendant  Joint  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL CUSTODY:

Plaintiff       Defendant       Joint       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTING TIME:

Weekly                      S M T W Th F S    From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Bi-weekly                      S M T W Th F S    From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER BREAK:

2 weeks from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

1 month from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Day from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate years

Plaintiff     Defendant gets Christmas this year.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

REAL PROPERTY DIVISION

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BUSINESS ASSETS DIVISION

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PERSONAL PROPERTY DIVISION

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ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED

- Spousal Support       Support       Federal Tax Dependency Exemp.
- Legal Custody       Physical Custody       Parenting Time
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SETTLEMENT IS:

- Likely       Unlikely       Unknown

I agree to comply with all AGREEMENTS detailed above from this pre-trial conference.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff (Plnt. Attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant (Def. Attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date