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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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WEST. DIST. OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL OF)
MEDIATORS FOR ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY)

15-mc-902

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2006, the Board of Judges approved a revision to Local Rule 16.2 which established in part this Court's Alternate Dispute Resolution program, including mediation; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2010, the Board of Judges approved the establishment of a list of attorneys with expertise in electronic discovery to serve as Special Masters upon appointment by the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges has now determined that there exists a need for a panel of mediators, specifically skilled in electronic discovery, to help resolve discovery disputes.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective the date of this order, this Court approves the establishment of a list of qualified attorneys approved to serve as mediators in disputes involving electronic discovery, known as "ED-Mediators".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all ED-Mediator applicants must satisfy the criteria for appointment as **both** an electronic discovery Special Master and an Alternate Dispute Resolution neutral prior to approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an electronic mail message will be sent through the Court's CM/ECF system notifying qualified attorneys when applications will be accepted; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applications will be reviewed by members of the Court's Case Management/ADR Committee for approval; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all approved ED-Mediators will be required to attend an orientation session as detailed in their notice of approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will maintain on its web site a list of qualified attorneys to serve as ED-Mediators.

December 16, 2015
Date

FOR THE COURT

Joy Flowers Conti
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Chief Judge