

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

\_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff
v.
\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant
\_\_\_\_\_ Other party (if any)

DISTRICT COURT
Location (Town): \_\_\_\_\_
Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT TO FINAL CONTESTED HEARING BEFORE A FAMILY LAW MAGISTRATE

By signing this form, I understand that:

- 1. I agree to have a family law magistrate decide my case, instead of a district court judge;
2. I certify that all remaining issues in dispute can be heard in three (3) hours or less; and
3. The issues remaining in dispute are:
[ ] on the Mediation Report dated (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_;
[ ] on the Pre-Trial Form dated (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_; or
[ ] as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that I have the right to have a contested hearing, on issues other than child support only, before a judge.

I understand that if I have a final contested hearing before a magistrate only on child support, I will need to first file an objection to the magistrate's order to ask that a district court judge review the order before I can appeal to the Law Court.

I understand that if I consent to a contested hearing before a magistrate that involves more than just child support and I want to appeal the magistrate's final order, I will need to file a notice of appeal within 21 days after the entry of the final order. My appeal will be heard by the Law Court without first being reviewed by a district court judge.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of [ ] plaintiff [ ] defendant [ ] other party

PLEASE NOTE: Each party must sign a separate consent form and file it with the court no later than 14 days after the pretrial conference. If each party does not sign and file a separate consent form within 14 days after the pretrial conference, the final contested hearing must be scheduled with a judge.

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