RULE 93.
PARENTING SEMINARS

(a) Applicable Cases. This Rule shall apply to all cases filed on or after September 16, 1996, under Ch. 26.09, Ch. 26.10, or Ch. 26.26 RCW which require a parenting plan or residential plan for minor children; including dissolutions/declarations of invalidity/legal separations of marriage or domestic partnership, major modifications, paternity actions in which paternity has been established, and non-parental custody actions.

(b) Mandatory Attendance. In all cases governed by this Rule, all parties shall complete an approved parenting seminar. Standards for parenting seminars shall be established by the court and providers shall be approved by the court. A list of the approved parenting seminar providers available on the court's website, from the county clerk or court facilitator, or from superior court administration

(c) Timing. Parties required by this Rule to participate in a parenting seminar shall complete an approved parenting seminar within 60 days after service of the petition or motion initiating the action which is subject to this Rule. In the case of paternity actions initiated by the prosecuting attorney's office, the parenting seminar shall be required only when paternity is established or acknowledged and a parenting plan is requested.

(d) Fees. Each party attending a seminar shall pay a fee charged by the approved provider and sanctioned by the court. The court may waive the fee for indigent parties.

(e) Special Consideration/Waiver.

(1) In no case shall opposing parties be required to attend a seminar together.

(2) Upon a showing of domestic violence or abuse which would not require mutual decision-making, pursuant to RCW 26.09.191, or that a parent's attendance at a seminar is not in the children's best interest, pursuant to Ch. 26.12 RCW, the court shall either:

(A) Waive the requirement of completion of the seminar; or,

(B) Allow participation in an alternative voluntary parenting seminar for battered spouses.

(3) The court may waive the seminar requirement for good cause shown.

(f) Failure to Comply. Willful refusal to participate in a parenting seminar or willful delay in completion of a parenting seminar by any party may constitute contempt of court and result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, imposition of monetary terms, striking of pleadings, or denial of affirmative relief to a party not in compliance with this Rule.

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:	
Petitioner,	No.
and	CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN MEDIATION/ SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
Respondent.	

Comes now ,[ ] Mediator [ ] Commissioner [ ] Judge, and certifies that the parties in this matter have participated in good faith in a mediation or settlement conference as required by CCLCR 91(b).

[ ] I have met with both parties, independently, and it is my belief that each party has entered into a final agreement on this matter freely and independently, and without threat or duress. See the CR2A agreement filed herewith and incorporated by this reference herein.

[ ] There remain issues in the case that resolution has not been reached.

Dated:

Mediator / Commissioner / Judge

[Adopted effective September 16, 1996; amended September 1, 2012.]