LR 11. PARENTING SEMINARS

(a) Applicable Cases. This rule applies to all domestic cases including dissolutions, legal separations, non-parental actions for child custody and paternity actions (in which paternity has been established) where a parenting plan or residential plan is required. The rule also applies to parties in an action seeking a major modification of a previous parenting or residential plan.

(b) Designated Provider. The court shall review the qualifications and designate any approved provider of the mandatory parenting class. The court will also accept any comparable class that has been approved by any other superior court.

(c) Attendance Requirement. Each parent and each other party seeking any rights under a parenting or residential plan shall, within ten days after initiating or being served with initial documents in a case covered by this rule, contact a designated provider to schedule attendance at the court approved parenting class. At least thirty days prior to trial in such a case, or prior to entry of a final parenting plan or residential schedule if no trial is held, each such party attend and complete the parenting class, and shall file proof thereof with the court.

(d) Exemption and Enforcement. The court may waive the seminar for good cause. In no case shall opposing parties be required to attend classes together. However, except in cases involving allegations of domestic violence or where court orders prohibit such contact, the parties may attend the same class at the same time. Unless exempted, a party who fails to comply may be punished by civil contempt remedies, by an order striking pleadings or court dates, or in such other manner as the court deems appropriate.