

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

Plaintiff/Petitioner

vs./and

Defendant/Second Petitioner

Case No. _____

JUDGE BETH OWENS

**ORDER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL
EVALUATION**

Upon request of the _____ for a psychological evaluation of the minor child(ren), the Court hereby orders the following:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A psychological evaluation shall be performed of the minor child(ren) _____ (DOB: _____) by Dr. _____. The parties shall fully cooperate with Dr. _____ in her/his evaluation.

2. Within twenty-eight (28) days of this order, each party shall pay to Dr. _____'s office the sum of \$_____, as well as half of any additional deposit required, to initiate the evaluation of the minor child(ren). Once Dr. _____'s evaluation is completed, and a confidential copy of the report is timely made available for review by the GAL (if any) and both attorneys, said report shall be admitted into evidence as upon direct examination. Any party desiring to cross examine Dr. _____ on the contents of the report shall be responsible for paying her/his entire witness fee prior to the date of the hearing. Failure to timely make said payment shall constitute a waiver of the right to cross-examine said witness. In the event the GAL (if any) requests the appearance of Dr. _____, the parties shall equally divide the cost of securing her/his appearance. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to reallocate the costs upon the conclusion of the case. All fees owed for said evaluation are in the nature of child support and are not dischargeable in bankruptcy.

3. The parties shall execute any and all releases necessary to enable Dr. _____ to access, review and obtain copies of any records or information pertaining to the minor child(ren). By requesting the services of this psychologist, the parties authorize release of any and all health care records and/or any Protected Health Information as contemplated by HIPAA (45 CFR Section 160 et seq.) and any relevant provisions of Ohio law. Dr. _____ shall maintain all information received from any confidential source as confidential and shall not disclose the same except as the law permits. The attorneys for the parties shall have access to any and all confidential records of the parties, and may communicate with the psychologist on non-substantive matters.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Courts shall serve a copy of this Entry upon the parties (if unrepresented), counsel of record, and the Psychological Evaluator by regular U.S. mail or court box).

JUDGE BETH A. OWENS