



## Agreement to Mediate

Disputant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Case# \_\_\_\_\_

By entering into mediation through the Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services Office, I accept the following terms and conditions:

1. I understand that the Mediation Program, offered through the Office of Judicial Affairs offers neither legal advice nor legal counsel. The purpose of the Mediation Program is to provide the parties with a free resource to utilize in resolving their dispute;
2. I understand that the mediators, and their supervisory staff, are not serving as attorneys, judges or therapists and that their sole purpose is to facilitate communication between myself and the other disputant(s) for the purpose of resolving this dispute. I also understand that the mediation process is a voluntary one, and that I have the option to interrupt the process or withdraw from the mediation at any time prior to entering a formal agreement;
3. I agree to hold the mediation staff, the supervisory staff, the Office of Judicial Affairs, and Middle Tennessee State University harmless in all claims concerning this dispute;
4. I agree that I will not, at any time, for any reason, summon the mediator staff or any person directly or indirectly involved in the mediation process to any legal, administrative, or arbitration proceedings concerning this mediation session;
5. I agree that I will not ask, request or call for any written records or reports, correspondence, notes or work produced during the mediation, in any legal, administrative, or arbitration proceedings at any time;
6. I understand and agree that my participation in mediation is voluntary, and all disclosures made before or during mediation, are confidential, and exclusively for purposes of resolving this dispute, and shall not, in any way, at any time, be introduced in any legal, administrative or arbitration proceedings. This confidentiality, however, does NOT apply to admissions to felonies, child abuse, or threats of future bodily harm or harassment;
7. I understand that, should I voluntarily enter into a signed agreement as a result of mediation, I will be held to the terms of said agreement by the Judicial Affairs Office. Students who violate the terms of a said agreement may be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Assistant Dean for Judicial Affairs. Faculty or staff who fail to abide by signed agreements will forfeit the privilege of utilizing the Mediation Program in the future.

**My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of these terms and conditions:**

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Disputant Signature

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Date

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Mediator Signature

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Date