

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION
NO: 7:12-CV-20-FL

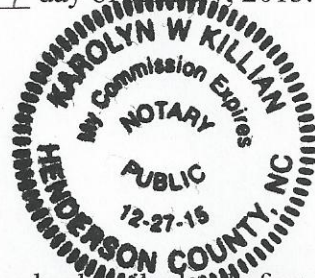
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SHERRYL LYNN JACOBS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENDANT
)	TINA MELLEN STEPP THOMAS
)	IN SUPPORT OF HER
ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,)	MOTION TO MODIFY
BOARD OF DIRECTORY FOR ROBESON)	MEDIATION ATTENDANCE
COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, ROBERT F.)	REQUIREMENT
FISHER, HORACE STACY, GAIL MCLEAN,)	
And TINA MELLEN STEPP THOMAS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

In support of her motion to Modify Mediation Attendance Requirement,
Defendant Tina Mellen Stepp Thomas (“Mrs. Thomas”), being first duly sworn, deposes
and says that:

1. I was unemployed from May of 2011 until December of 2012.
2. In December of 2012, I gained employed with a bed and breakfast in Hendersonville, NC.
3. I am the only person who works at the bed and breakfast.
4. If I am not able to come to work, my employers will have to close down the bed and breakfast for the day, will not be able to keep guests, and will suffer financial harm.
5. My reputation as a reliable employee will suffer irreparable harm and I may lose my job if I am required to miss work.

6. My travel time to the site of the mediation will be an approximately eight hour round trip.
7. On information and belief, the mediation facility has a telephone that will allow me to hear and be heard by the other parties to the mediation and otherwise fully participate in the mediation via telephone.
8. On information and belief, the mediator and the other defendants have agreed to consent to my attendance via telephone.
9. On information and belief, Plaintiff has refused to give her consent to my attendance via telephone.

This the 24 day of January, 2013.



Tina Mellen Stepp Thomas
 Tina Mellen Stepp Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 24th day of January, 2013.

Karolyn W Killian
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 12-27-15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon Plaintiff by depositing a copy thereof in the United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Ms. Sherryl Lynn Jacobs
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This the 24th day of January, 2013.

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