

- a. I understand that the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators will provide no legal service of any kind in this case, without prior written authorization by the Court to do so (e.g., under the Court Annexed Mediation);

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- b. I acknowledge that the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators' responsibility to help educate me about the process of filing a complaint or amended complaint will not involve any control of the case;

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- c. I understand that the Director and Coordinators assist the pro se litigant with preparing and drafting initial filing papers. I understand that the Director and Coordinators will not provide additional assistance, including assistance with legal research, investigation, discovery, negotiations, or other matters beyond the initial filings. The Director and Coordinators will not appear in Court on behalf of the pro se litigant.

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4. **NO CONTRACT.** I understand and agree that I have no contractual relationship with the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators for legal or other services. I will enter no contract with the Director or Coordinators or the Special Mediation Counsel during the duration of this case.

_____ (Initials)

5. **EVALUATION.** I agree to participate in the evaluation of the Pro Se Assistance Program, and I further agree that any person authorized by the Court may, for purposes of evaluation: (1) attend meetings with the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators; and (2) attend Court proceedings concerning the case. I further agree that the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators may respond to any inquiries about the case from any such person authorized by the Court to evaluate the Program.

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6. **PRO SE STATUS.** I acknowledge that I continue to provide my own representation in this case, and that the Director and Coordinator will assist with the preparation and drafting of initial filing papers, and that the Special

Mediation Counsel, if appointed, will only educate and assist me with preparation of, participation in, and follow-up to Court Annexed Mediation.

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7. CONCLUSION. I confirm and acknowledge that I have carefully considered the terms of the assistance provided by the Pro Se Assistance Program and its Director and Coordinators, including Court Annexed Mediation, as set forth above and in the Pro Se Assistance Program pamphlet, and acknowledge that by signing this Declaration, I understand that the role of the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators is only to provide education and assistance with the preparation and filing of a complaint or amended complaint and that the Pro Se Assistance Program Director and Coordinators are not my lawyers and do not represent me in this or any other matter.

_____ (Initials)

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

File this completed Declaration sheet with the Clerk of Court at One Church Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, within 14 days from the date of receipt if you wish to be considered for the Pro Se Assistance Program. This Declaration will be provided to the Director and Coordinators of the Pro Se Assistance Program.