IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA
IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Frederick Shaddock, Petitioner, *pro se* v. Oksana Shemet Shaddock, Respondent	Case No. CDCV402064 MOTION TO WAIVE MEDIATION AND SET EXPEDITED HEARING

NOW COMESPetitioner, Frederick J. Shaddock *pro se*, respectfully requests this Honorable Court waive the Requirement for Mediation and set a hearing on the division of marital assets. This request is based on the following:

1. **Prior Mediation Was Unsuccessful**: The parties previously attended mediation in the related case CDCV402015, which concluded without any agreement on July 11, 2024. The mediator's certificate confirms attendance but also the complete failure to reach any accord, demonstrating that further mediation would be futile and a waste of scarce marital resources. (See Exhibit A: Mediator's Certificate of Attendance, filed JUL 11, 2024).
2. **Financial Burden**: Petitioner is on a fixed Social Security income. The cost of another mediation session poses an undue financial hardship with no foreseeable benefit. Petitioner and Respondent have already exchanged financial information in accordance with the Order.
3. **Judicial Intervention to Preserve Assets**: The parties possess a significant marital asset in addition to the Fairfield Iowa house, a luxury condominium in Washington, D.C. Petitioner has filed a *Lis Pendens* in DC Court to protect him from unilateral actions by Respondent that deplete its value. DC case 2025-CAB-004804 is set for a hearing on October 24, 2025 9:30 am, via WebEx, before Judge Carl E. Ross to reconfirm that the condo is marital and subject to division of property.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays that this Court:
a. Waive the requirement for further mediation in this matter;.
b. Set a hearing for the Pretrial Conference and division of marital assets on or before October 7, 2025, which is within the 120 days of filing on June 9, 2025; and
c. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of August, 2025, a copy of the foregoing Motion to Waive Mediation and Set Expedited Hearing was filed electronically via the Iowa Courts Electronic Filing System, which will provide automatic service to:

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Oksana Shemet Shaddock, Respondent

/s/ Frederick J. Shaddock
Frederick J. Shaddock
August 18, 2025