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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUL 15 2009

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Order

**Implementing a Filing Fee to Establish a Dispute Resolution Fund
in the First Judicial Circuit of Illinois**

Stuart Hall
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The Court of the First Judicial Circuit has previously recognized the Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc., as an Illinois Not For Profit Resolution Center, pursuant to Illinois Revised Statute, Chapter 710, Act 20, the Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act.

The Court notes that a Dispute Resolution Fund may be established to support the court-related activities of qualifying dispute resolution centers pursuant to Illinois Revised Statute, Chapter 710, par. 20/3 (b)(1) and (2).

Establishment of a Dispute Resolution Fund in the First Judicial Circuit will help support the delivery of mediation and other dispute resolution services to litigants in the First Circuit who cannot afford to pay for private mediation services and will assist existing Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Centers such as the Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc., in seeking additional funding through grants from state, federal and private organizations.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

The Court hereby establishes in the First Judicial Circuit, a Dispute Resolution Fund as described by Illinois Revised Statute, Chapter 710, par. 20/3(b)(1)and(2).

The Clerks of the Circuit Court in each county in the First Judicial Circuit shall, on August 1, 2009, begin to charge and collect a Dispute Resolution Fund fee of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in all civil cases except in proceedings commenced by or on behalf of a unit of local government. Such fee shall be paid by the party initiating the action at the time of filing the first pleading.

The Dispute Resolution Fund fees shall be remitted by the Clerks of the Circuit Court to the County Treasurer of each County at the end of each month. Each Clerk shall establish and maintain a system of accounts verifying all Dispute Resolution Fund fees received and remitted.

Upon receipt of said fees each month, each County Treasurer shall promptly disburse the entire amount of said fees to the Dispute Resolution Fund which shall be maintained in the County Treasurer's Accounts of the County of residence of the Chief Judge of the Circuit or in such County Treasurer's Accounts specified by the Chief Judge of the Circuit. The County Treasurer shall maintain a system of accounting verifying all Dispute Resolution Fees received and disbursed.


Annual grant disbursements will be made from the Dispute Resolution Fund to the

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Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc., until the Court orders otherwise, so long as the corporation remains qualified for funding under the Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Act of the Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 710, Act 20. The Chief Judge of the First Circuit shall determine the date for the annual fund disbursements to be made.

All funding disbursed by the Court from the Dispute Resolution Fund to The Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc., shall be used to support the provision of conflict resolution services in the nine counties of the First Judicial Circuit.

Entered this 15 day of ^{JULY}~~April~~, 2009



Honorable Mark H. Clarke, Chief Judge
Of the First Judicial Circuit