

Sample Introductory letter

Dear

I have been appointed by the Court to act as your Parenting Coordinator. In that role I will help you make decisions intended to resolve issues relating to your children in a timely manner, in the hopes that this process will minimize the harm incurred by your children from exposure to your conflict. This is important because the research is very clear that children's functioning and adjustment is negatively affected by conflict between their parents. The Parenting Coordination process will focus on the needs and interests of your children and will assist you to maintain a safe and workable parenting plan, when disputes arise.

We may meet individually or jointly. I may talk with your children and other people closely involved in your children's lives. My focus will be to facilitate agreement between you. When that is not possible, I have been authorized to decide contested day-to-day issues. I do not have the authority to change custody or make substantial changes to existing court orders.

I have enclosed my agreement for Parenting Coordinator services. Upon receipt of both signed agreements and the retainer payment, I will set up initial appointments. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Robin Deutsch, Ph.D.