

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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Plaintiff,	)	DECLARATION OF
	)	<i>PRO SE</i> PARTY
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Case No.
	)	
Defendant(s).	)	

The Court has determined that the above-captioned case may benefit from appointment of counsel to assist the pro se litigant in a settlement conference. To participate in a Settlement Conference, the pro se party must read and sign this Declaration.

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a pro se party in this case and understand that the Court has determined this case may benefit from the appointment of counsel to assist me at a Settlement Conference. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of North Dakota as follows:

1.     **REPRESENTATION.** I am not represented by an attorney.
2.     **INFORMATION.** I have read and considered materials provided about the appointment of counsel to assist me at a Settlement Conference.
3.     **PURPOSE OF APPOINTING COUNSEL.** I understand that the purpose of appointing counsel is to assist pro se litigants with resolving their case without further court proceedings.
4.     **REFERRAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL.** I understand that the Court has referred my case for appointment of Counsel, and through this referral, I will be offered the assistance of Counsel solely to help me prepare for and participate in a Settlement Conference.
5.     **LIMITED ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL.** I understand that the only assistance Counsel may offer is to educate and assist me with the preparation for and participation in a Settlement Conference.

I further understand and agree as follows:

- A. I understand and agree that Counsel will provide no other legal service of any kind in this case:
  - B. I understand and agree that Counsel’s responsibility will not involve any control of the case;
  - C. I understand and agree that Counsel’s scope of representation is limited to help me prepare for and participate in a Settlement Conference;
  - D. I understand and agree that Counsel will not analyze my overall legal needs, conduct an independent investigation of my case, or otherwise represent me in any manner other than in connection with helping me prepare and participate in the Settlement Conference; and
  - E. I understand and agree Counsel’s limited scope of representation is reasonable under the circumstances, and I give consent to this limited scope of representation.
6. **NO CONTRACT.** While there may be an attorney-client relationship between Counsel and me during the course of the limited representation, I understand and agree that I have no contractual relationship with Counsel for other legal services.
7. **COMMUNICATION.** I give my permission to opposing counsel to send correspondence, pleadings, documents, and orders to Counsel and me during the course of the limited representation. I also give my permission to Counsel to access previously filed documents in this case.
8. **CONCLUSION.** I confirm and acknowledge that I have carefully considered the purpose and scope of the appointment of counsel and the term of assistance Counsel will provide as set forth above.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of *Pro Se* Party

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Signature of Appointed Counsel

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Printed Name of *Pro Se* Party

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Printed Name of Appointed Counsel

**Please give this completed Declaration to Counsel who will file it with the Court.**