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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of this court, and in accordance with Rule 1 of the Rules and Procedures of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program of the Commercial Division, I hereby authorize the Justices outside the Commercial Division to whom commercial cases are assigned at random by the court's computer to refer such cases to mandatory mediation in the Program in accordance with those Rules and Procedures. For the purpose of this Order, a "commercial case" shall mean a case designated as such in the court's case history computer system, including non-Commercial Division cases of the types listed in Uniform Rule 202.70 (b) (1) through (11) (but without consideration of any threshold amount). In addition, a "commercial case" shall encompass non-Division cases of the types listed in Uniform Rule 202.70 (c) (1), (3), and (5). Cases in which a party is unrepresented shall not, however, be referred to mediation.

If administrative necessity so requires, the ADR Coordinator shall fix a limit on the number of cases that may be accepted by the Program from all of the foregoing Justices or any of them.

Dated: New York, New York  
January 18, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. Kaplan", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan  
Administrative Judge