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SHERRY KLEIN HEITLER
Administrative Judge for Civil Matters
First Judicial District

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

By the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of this court, and in conformity with Rule 3 of the Rules of the Commercial Division (Uniform Rule 202.70 (g)), I hereby establish a pilot project for the automatic referral of certain Commercial Division cases to mandatory mediation in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program of the Commercial Division ("the ADR Program") in accordance with the Rules and Procedures thereof. The Chief Clerk and Executive Officer of the court or his designee is directed to designate cases for mediation in the pilot project in accordance with the procedures set forth in the applicable rule of the ADR Program and to refer those cases for mediation as provided therein. Counsel and parties in cases designated pursuant to that rule and this Administrative Order shall proceed to mediation as provided in the ADR Rules and Procedures and shall adhere to those Rules and Procedures in all respects applicable, including the deadlines set out therein.

Dated: New York, New York

Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler