**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY**

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| IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE | |
| Upon the Petition of  JOHN DOE,  Petitioner,  And Concerning,  JANE DOE,  Respondent. | CASE NO. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  **APPLICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A**  **CUSTODY EVALUATOR** |

COMES NOW Petitioner, by and through counsel and in support of his Application for Appointment of Custody Evaluator, hereby states to the Court:

1. A Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed in the above case on January 01, 2016.
2. The parties have a minor child namely; J.J.D. whose welfare will be affected by this dissolution.
3. Physical care of the parties’ minor child is at issue in this matter, and the Court will determine who should have physical care of the minor child.
4. Petitioner believes that an independent investigation and evaluation of the parties, home conditions, parenting styles, and related matters are pertinent to determining the best interests of the parties’ minor child. Petitioner further believes that such independent investigation and evaluation is beneficial to the Court in determining custody and/or visitation.
5. The parties have limited financial income, making Dr. Keri Kinniard the most affordable for the parties.
6. The Respondent requests that the Court enter an Order, consistent with §589.12(5), requiring that the actual cost of the study be paid in accordance to Dr. Kinniard’s fee schedule.

WHEREFORE Petitioner hereby requests that Court enter an Order appointing Dr. Kinniard as the custody evaluator in the above captioned matter, and that the Court require the parties to pay for their portion of the evaluation as decided by Dr. Kinniard.

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