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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Notice of Assessment Conference via Zoom

APPEAL 26-10443

Daniel Stermer v. Federated Foundation Trust

The above appeal has been selected for mediation pursuant to Federal Rules of Appellant Procedure 33 and Eleventh Circuit Rule 33-1. **Prior to scheduling a mediation date, I will conduct an Assessment Conference with counsel. The assessment conference is to be held via Zoom on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

You will receive a Zoom Meeting invitation with the conference link in a separate email. Please accept the invitation and add the meeting to your calendar. To join the assessment conference, click the meeting link. Please connect at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time to test your connectivity.

You should allow **one hour** for this assessment conference.

Participants. Your clients are not required to participate in this assessment conference.

Confidential Mediation Statement. You are not required to submit a Confidential Mediation Statement before this assessment conference.

Mediation Guidelines. Information you need to prepare for a mediation and this assessment conference is in the document titled "Mediation in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals," available on the Internet at www.ca11.uscourts.gov/mediation-forms. You are required to read this document.

If you have questions or need to provide additional information, please contact me directly at Matthew_Hodes@ca11.uscourts.gov or (305) 714-1902.

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