## Update to the In-Person Attendance Requirement and Participant Requirement Regarding the Mediation and Assessment Program (MAP) for the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri-August 2020

Effective August 21, 2020, the modification to the MAP General Order which allows for virtual or teleconference mediations in lieu of the in-person attendance requirement for mediation has been extended indefinitely. The parties may set an in-person mediation if they prefer so long as all participants agree and proper protocols are followed given COVID-19.

The participant requirements in Section V.E. of the MAP General Order remain in effect. If there is an issue with the participant requirements, please contact the MAP Director well prior to mediation so that participation can be addressed before mediation.

Should you have any questions regarding this update or other aspects of MAP, please contact the MAP office at 816-512-5080 or <a href="map@mow.uscourts.gov">map@mow.uscourts.gov</a>.

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