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| Respondent(s) | |
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**Children’s Lawyer**

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| My name is | |
| (Full legal name) | James Robert Gowan |
| I live in | |
| (municipality and province) | Barrie, Province of Ontario |
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| **and I swear/affirm that the following is true:**  Set out the statements of fact in consecutively numbered paragraphs. Where possible, each numbered paragraph should consist of one complete sentence and be limited to a particular statement of fact. If you learned a fact from someone else, you must give that person’s name and state that you believe that fact to be true. | |
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1. I am the Applicant in this proceeding and as such I have personal knowledge of the facts set out in this affidavit. Where I have learned information from third parties, I have identified the source and believe it to be true unless I state otherwise.
2. I have prepared this Affidavit in support of my 14B motion to have the remaining outstanding issues in this proceeding resolved by way of a Binding Judicial Dispute Resolution Hearing (“JDR Hearing”). This motion is on consent of the Respondent, Anne Ardagh Gowan (“Anne”).
3. In further support of this motion, Anne and I have each completed separate Request and Consent Forms, which are attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, confirming that we each understand this process and agree to use this process to reach a final disposition of the remaining issues in our case.
4. By way of background, Anne and I were married on January 1, 1999, and separated on May 1, 2018. There are two children of the marriage, namely, Oliver James Gowan, born July 2, 2011, and Grace Luanna Gowan, born August 4, 2008.
5. Anne and I are both T4 employees and do not have any additional sources of income. My income as a political advisor and Anne’s income as a finance analyst are not in dispute. We have exchanged updated sworn financial statements, along with income disclosure including our last three years of Notices of Assessments and recent paystubs.
6. The Application in this matter was issued on September 1, 2020. The outstanding issues initially included child support, a parenting plan for Oliver and Grace (including decision-making authority and parenting time), contributions to section 7 expenses for the children, and equalization of net family property.
7. On April 1, 2021, Anne and I attended a case conference before Madam Justice Jain. After receiving input at the case conference, Anne and I were able to resolve all issues on a final basis, with the exception of the following issues:

a. Child support arrears payable by myself to Anne from the date of separation (May 1, 2018) to December 30, 2020;

b. The summer holiday schedule for the children;

c. Our respective contributions to the children’s extra-curricular activities of bowling and dance.

1. The endorsement of Justice Jain from the case conference is attached as **Exhibit “B”** and the Final Order resolving all other issues is attached as **Exhibit “C”**.
2. Following the case conference there were several items of disclosure that remained outstanding. All disclosure has now been produced and there is no disclosure or other information required to be produced.
3. The only witnesses for the hearing will be me and Anne. We would like to explain our evidence to a judge and discuss the outstanding issues with them to get input. However, if we cannot agree, we would like that judge to simply make a decision for us, based on what they have heard. Neither of us see any advantage in attending additional court dates or participating in a trial, as the judge at a trial would hear the same evidence as the judge at the JDR conference. There are no significant credibility issues that would require cross-examination or render this matter unsuitable for a JDR Hearing.
4. I further believe that the outstanding issues can be resolved in a hearing of 2-3 hours.
5. Both Anne and I have had an opportunity to seek legal advice about the outstanding issues and the JDR process.
6. I make this Affidavit and bring this motion, with Anne’s consent, to obtain an Order for the remaining issues in this proceeding to be disposed of by way of a JDR Hearing. If permission is granted, I will contact the trial coordinator to schedule a date.

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| on | June 1, 2020 |  | Signature  (This form to be signed in front of a lawyer,  justice of the peace, notary public or commissioner for taking affidavits.) |
|  | (date) |  |
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