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**IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM**

Cheri Smith
Petitioner/Cross-Respondent

v.
Wesley Smith
Respondent/Cross-Petitioner

Case No. J85021-01/02/03-00

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

Comes now Counsel for the Petitioner/ Cross-Respondent, Cheri Smith, to request this Court to grant a continuance of the matters now on the docket for January 21, 2003 and February 3, 2003 and states in support thereof as follows:

1. Counsel for the Petitioner/Cross-Respondent, Loretta Vardy, has a family emergency and will be out of the state for approximately four weeks.
2. The family emergency is of a medical nature and is time sensitive. Ms. Vardy's sister has been diagnosed with a pre-leukemia condition. This is the third time that she has had cancer. The advice of doctors has been that she receive a sibling stem cell transplant as soon as possible as her condition is progressing. The optimum chance for the transplant to be successful is for it to take place prior to the condition becoming full blown leukemia.
3. Ms. Vardy is the doctor's donor of choice. The procedure requires Ms. Vardy to be available to the doctors for a period of two to four weeks in order that her stem cells may be harvested at the appropriate time. The doctors are located in New Jersey.

WHEREFORE, the complainant respectfully requests that the trial for this matter be continued either to the trial date set for February 19, 2003 or to a date in March 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Smith

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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