

OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOMESTIC RELATIONS MEDIATOR APPLICATION

For further information, including information about minimum qualifications promulgated by the State Court Administrative Office, please refer to the Mediation Training Standards and Procedures provided by SCAO, the SCAO Administrative Memorandum 2001-01 and MCR 3.216.

Service as a case evaluator under MCR 2.403 does not constitute a qualification for serving as a mediator.

Please type or print neatly.

1. Full name (first, middle initial, last)		2. Bar no. (if applicable) P
3. Address where you can be contacted		
4. Telephone no. ()	5. Fax no. ()	6. E-mail address

Part A: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (Complete either items 7 and 8, and either item 9, 10 or 11 as appropriate) Where indicated you must provide the written evidence requested.

7. Is this a new application? renewal?

8. Completed a 4-hour domestic violence program approved by the SCAO on _____
Date

9. Qualification through State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) Approved Training/Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Training

To be eligible to serve as a domestic relations mediator, you must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- You must have completed a domestic relations training program approved by the State Court Administrator.
- You must have one or more of the following: a) be a licensed attorney, a licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; b) have a masters degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; c) have a graduate degree in a behavioral science; or d) have 5 years experience in family counseling.
- You must have observed two domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator, and have conducted one domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.

a. SCAO/ACR Approved training completed on _____ Date. Please attach a certificate of completed training.

Trainer: _____

If the ACR training was completed more than 2 years prior to the application, completed 8 hours of advanced mediation training in the 2 years prior to this application. Specify type of training, dates and trainers. Attach a copy of certificate of completed training

b. Licensed in appropriate field. Specify _____ or

Master or graduate degree in appropriate field. Specify _____ Attach copy of diploma or

Five years experience in family counseling. Detail below. Complete on separate page if needed.

Part B: Domestic Relations Mediator Qualifications (continued)

9. c. Observed or co-mediated two domestic relations mediation proceedings. Specify dates and name of qualified* mediator who observed or co-mediated. Co-mediation can be documented as either experience or observation – do not count the same case twice.

Date _____ Name of Qualified Mediator _____

- d. Conducted under supervision or co-mediated one domestic relations mediation to conclusion. Specify date and name of qualified* mediator who observed or co-mediated. Co-mediation can be documented as either experience or observation – do not count the same case twice.

Date _____ Name of Qualified Mediator _____

- e. Requesting waiver of degree requirements, completed 80 hours or 20 cases in domestic relations mediation. Detail below. Complete on separate page if needed. Do not provide party names.

- f. As a non-Michigan licensed lawyer/non-lawyer, completed on _____ a 6-hour program addressing basic Michigan laws, rules and guidelines governing domestic relations actions. Attach certificate of completion.

Instructor: _____

10. Qualification by Training and Experience comparable to Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) approved training

- a. Completed a training course of at least 24 hours including participation in mediation and at least 25% role play by December 31, 2000. Please attach: 1) a certificate of completed training; 2) a copy of the training agenda; 3) the name of the trainer; 4) the date of the training; and 5) the dates of attendance.

Training included the following core elements: Check appropriate boxes

<input type="checkbox"/> experience of divorce for adults and children	<input type="checkbox"/> family law and family economics
<input type="checkbox"/> information gathering skills and knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> relationship skills and knowledge
<input type="checkbox"/> communication skills and knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> problem-solving skills and knowledge
<input type="checkbox"/> professional skills and knowledge	
<input type="checkbox"/> mediation, negotiation and conflict management theory and skills	
<input type="checkbox"/> ethical decision-making and values skills and knowledge	

- If the training was completed more than 2 years prior to this application, completed at least 8 hours of advanced mediation training in the 2 years prior to this application. Specify type of training, dates and trainers. Attach copy of certificate

- b. Licensed in appropriate field. Specify _____ or
 Master or graduate degree in appropriate field. Specify _____ Attach copy of diploma OR
 Five years experience in family counseling. Detail below

- c. Mediated or co-mediate at least 40 hours or 10 domestic relations cases in the two years prior to this application. Detail below. Complete on separate page if needed. Do not provide party names.

- d. Requesting waiver of degree requirements, completed 80 hours or 20 cases in domestic relations mediation. Detail below. Complete on separate page if needed. Do not provide party names.

- e. As a non-Michigan lawyer/non-lawyer, completed on _____ a 6-hour program addressing basic Michigan laws, rules and guidelines governing domestic relations actions. Attach certificate of completion.

Instructor: _____

*Please see list of qualified mediators at the Oakland County ADR Office

11. Renewing Application

If the mediation training was completed more than 2 years prior to the application, completed 8 hours of advanced mediation training in the 2 years prior to this application. Specify type of training, dates and trainers. Attach copy of certificate.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I: a) meet the requirements for service under the Court's mediator selection plan; b) will not discriminate against parties or attorneys on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, or other protected personal characteristic; and c) will comply with the Court's ADR plan, orders of the Court regarding cases submitted to mediation, and the standards of conduct adopted by the State Court Administrative Office.

My fee for services is: _____ per: _____

My practice specialty is: _____

Date

Signature

Please send this completed application to:
Oakland County Case Management – ADR Office
1200 N Telegraph Rd Dept 404
Pontiac MI 48341-0404

Part C: Pro Bono and Observee/Observer Information

Providing the following information is optional.

Full name (first, middle initial, last) (print or type)	Bar no. (if applicable) P
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1. Once you have been fully qualified to be a mediator, and have completed 40 hours of experience or 10 cases in domestic relations:

A. Are you willing to be observed by a potential mediator:

- without pay
- under terms and conditions you agree upon with the potential mediator

B. Are you willing to observe a potential mediator:

- without pay
- under terms and conditions you agree upon with the potential mediator

2. Would you be willing to accept a pro bono or reduced fee appointment from the court to serve as a mediator once a year?
Yes _____ No _____

Date

Signature

Part D: Gender and Race Information

Providing the following information is optional. It is requested in accordance with MCR 3.216(F)(1)(c) and will be maintained separately from your application.

Full name (first, middle initial, last) (print or type)	Bar no. (if applicable) P
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Check the boxes that apply to you.

Gender:

- Female Male

Race/Ethnicity:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black/African American (non-Hispanic)
 Hispanic
 White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
 Other (specify): _____