

FRANKLIN COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURT

PRIVATE MEDIATOR ROSTER INFORMATION

LOCAL RULES

Mediation is addressed in both Local Domestic Rule 22 and Local Juvenile Rule 17. The court's Local Rules are available on its web site:
https://drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=Local_Rules.htm

A summary of the requirements to be placed on and remain on the Roster is below. Still, it is imperative that you are familiar with the requirements of the aforementioned Rules, so please read in their entirety. If, after consulting the Rules, you still have questions, you may contact the **Dispute Resolution Department** at **(614) 525-6640** or DRJ_DisputeResolution@fccourts.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

- (1) Cell Phone Number: Check "Preferred" if you would like your cell phone to be your primary telephone contact for parties. Otherwise, your cell phone number will not be included on the published private mediator Roster but may be used for contact by court personnel.
- (2) Email Address: Your email address will be the primary method for communication by the Dispute Resolution Department concerning the Roster.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRIVATE MEDIATOR LIST

- (1) A bachelor's degree or education and experience satisfactory to the court;
- (2) At least two years of professional experience with families;
- (3) Completion of the following trainings approved by the Dispute Resolution Section of the Ohio Supreme Court:
 - (a) Twelve (12) hours of basic mediation training,
 - (b) Forty (40) hours of specialized family or divorce mediation training, and
 - (c) Fourteen (14) hours of specialized training in domestic abuse and dispute resolution.

With your application, you must also submit a resume which expounds upon your satisfaction of the minimum qualifications, specifically proof of completion of the required trainings, education, and professional experience.

FEES AND DEPOSIT

A private mediator shall notify the court of the deposit amount and hourly rate for their services, which will be displayed on the court's Roster of private mediators. The

Court shall apportion the fees of the private mediator between the respective parties in the appointment order.

REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT

All mediators shall complete at least **six (6) hours** of CLE, CEU, or other similar coursework in mediation skills training **every two years**.

Without exception, proof of the continuing education requirement must be provided to the Dispute Resolution Department **by January 15th** following the reporting year. If the reporting requirement is not satisfied by the deadline, a mediator will not be eligible for appointment until it is satisfied.

You are also under a duty to keep the court up to date with your contact information and report to the court any activity, criminal or otherwise, that would adversely affect your ability to perform the functions of a mediator.

APPLICATION

If you are interested in being added to the court's Roster of private mediators, please complete the application and provide the requested information.

You may email your completed application and information to [DRJ DisputeResolution@fccourts.org](mailto:DRJ_DisputeResolution@fccourts.org) or you may mail it to the court at the following address:

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Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court
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