



August 5, 2021

Dear Mediation Professional:

The Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, is in the process of creating a list of private mediators to assist parties in the resolution of matters pending before our court. The list will be comprised of mediators who have completed the appropriate training pursuant to the Ohio Supreme Court's Rule of Superintendence 16. This list will be available to attorneys, parties, and judicial officers whenever alternative dispute resolution may provide a positive outcome for families.

If you are interested in being added to the court's roster of mediators, please fill out the completed application and provide the requested information. We are asking all mediators, including those who are already mediating for the court, to complete this application. In addition to compliance with Sup. R. 16, we will also be requiring all mediators to complete 6 hours of CLE, CEU or other similar coursework in mediation skills training every two years. Please note that attorneys must be in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio and attorneys will be required to report to the court during their biennial reporting years that they remain in good standing and that they have complied the mediation CLE requirement. Non-attorneys must also be in good standing with any licensing body they report to, and will also be required to report to the court on a biennial basis that they continue to be in good standing and that they have completed 6 hours of mediation skills training during the prior two years.

I understand that if you have been mediating for a long time you may no longer have documentation of the training programs you completed. If you are an attorney and you received Ohio CLE credit for the training, you may submit the portion of your prior year CLE transcript that includes this training. If you have ever been on the court's mediation services list or if you have other documentation challenges, please contact our Mediation Services at DRJ_Mediation@fccourts.org for assistance.

You may email your completed application and information to DRJ_Mediation@fccourts.org or you may mail it to the court at the following address:

Mediation Services
Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court
373 South High Street, 3rd Fl.
Columbus, OH 43215

We are also pleased to announce that our Court will hold its first Settlement Week during the week of November 1, 2021 and will be seeking mediators to assist us in staffing mediation

sessions for that week. Additional information will be forthcoming soon with additional details on this exciting event! If you are interested in assisting any time during Settlement Week, please reach out to Diana Kotnik at Diana_Kotnik@fccourts.org, or by calling 614-525-3202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'W.' followed by a stylized, cursive 'S'.

William Sieloff
Legal Director / Administrative Magistrate

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE BRANCH**

Mediators who wish to accept mediation referrals from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch must meet the training and education requirements specified in Rule 16.23 of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. Please complete this application if you meet the training and education requirements specified in Rule 16.23, and you would like to be included in a roster of mediators eligible to accept referrals from this Court.

MEDIATOR ROSTER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Profession: _____

Professional license type and number (*if applicable*): _____

Do you report your CLE or CEU in odd or even numbered years? _____

Are you currently in good standing with your licensing board? _____

If you are not currently in good standing, please attach information about the situation.

EDUCATION

(A resume or curriculum vitae may be submitted instead of completing this section)

Bachelor's Degree: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Degree/major: _____

Graduate/Professional School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

Specialty Area: _____

Other: _____

If you do not have a Bachelor's Degree, please describe your equivalent educational experience as specified in Rule 16.23 (a) _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FAMILIES

(A resume or curriculum vitae may be submitted instead of completing this section)

Mediators must have at least two years of professional experience with families, including counseling, casework, legal representation in family law matters, or other equivalent experience. Please describe your experience with families.

Organization: _____ Title: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Location: _____

Type of Work with Families: _____

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From: _____ To: _____ Location: _____

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Organization: _____ Title: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Location: _____

Type of Work with Families: _____

Other Professional Experience: _____

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

(A resume or curriculum vitae may be submitted instead of completing this section)

Organization: _____ Title: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Location: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Location: _____

Describe types of mediation:

(You may add another sheet if you need to provide additional information)

FUNDAMENTALS OF MEDIATION TRAINING
APPROVED BY THE OHIO SUPREME COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
(Please attach certificate or other documentation)

Trainer or Organization Sponsoring Training: _____

Location and dates of training: _____

Describe alternate training / experience as specified in Rule 16.23 (A) (2) if you have not taken this *Fundamentals of Mediation* course: _____

SPECIALIZED FAMILY OR DIVORCE MEDIATION TRAINING
APPROVED BY THE OHIO SUPREME COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
(Please attach certificate or other documentation)

Trainer or Organization Sponsoring Training: _____

Location and dates of training: _____

SPECIALIZED DOMESTIC ABUSE ISSUES AND MEDIATION TRAINING
APPROVED BY THE OHIO SUPREME COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
(Please attach certificate or other documentation)

Trainer or Organization Sponsoring Training: _____

Location and dates of training: _____

SPECIALIZED CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION TRAINING
APPROVED BY THE OHIO SUPREME COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
(Required for Child Protection Mediation Program Mediators)
(Please attach certificate or other documentation)

Trainer or Organization Sponsoring Training: _____

Location and dates of training: _____

OTHER MEDIATION TRAINING OR COURSES
(Not required for roster listing, but may be required for specialized mediation)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATIONS OR COMMITTEES *(Not required for roster listing)*

TYPES OF FAMILY AND DIVORCE CASES YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEDIATE
(Please check all that apply)

- _____ Custody, Allocation Parental Rights / Responsibilities, Parenting Time, Child Support
- _____ Pre or Post Decree Termination of Marriage with basic financial issues
- _____ Pre or Post Decree Termination of Marriage with complex financial issues
- _____ Child Protection / Abuse, Neglect and Dependency cases
- _____ Juvenile Delinquency or Unruly
- _____ Juvenile Civil Protection Order
- _____ Other – Please specify: _____

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

(Highly recommended, but not required for roster listing)

(If you have a current policy, please attach a copy of the endorsement page from the policy)

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Effective dates: _____

PLEASE ATTACH DOCUMENTATION OF MEDIATION TRAINING AND YOUR RESUME

AGREEMENT

Please initial the following to document your agreement to comply with the following, and sign where indicated. Once your application is reviewed, you will receive confirmation that you have been placed on the Court's Mediator List, as well as what case types you qualify to mediate.

_____ I agree to mediate in accordance with the "Core Values of Mediation" per Rule 16.22 (A) (1) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ I agree to mediate in accordance with the "Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators" per Rule 16.22 (A) (2) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ I agree to mediate in accordance with the "Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation" per Rule 16.22 (A) (3) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ (For those desiring to mediate child protection cases) I agree to mediate in accordance with the "Guidelines for Child Protection Mediation" per Rule 16.22 (A) (4) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ I agree to conduct initial and ongoing screening for the parties' capacity to mediate.

_____ I agree to avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest as provided in Rule 16.22 (B) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ I shall not offer legal advice per Rule 16.22 (C) of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

_____ I shall take at least six (6) hours of continuing education on mediation, other dispute resolution topics, family law, family systems or other related topics every two (2) years, and I will report the same to the Court no later than January 15th of the year following my reporting year. Failure to comply with ongoing training will result in removal from the Court's list for new appointments.

Signature

Date