



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

*Continuing Mediation Education,
Continuing Legal Education and
Training Programs Catalog*



2017



“Supporting Courts, Ensuring Justice”



On behalf of the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, I'm pleased to present the 2017 Mediation Training and Continuing Mediation Education Catalog. This catalog contains information about certification, mediation training courses and continuing mediation education opportunities.

Each year, the Commission sponsors a series of courses that serve as the building blocks of mediation training. While anyone may take the courses, they are specifically designed to satisfy the training requirements for mediator certification. We are fortunate to work with nationally recognized faculty, and to have a staff that strives to create a learning environment that is second to none.

For mediators who are certified, we offer continuing education opportunities in locations throughout the state. These regional CME programs utilize local mediators and attorneys as faculty to present on topics tailored to the needs of that area, as well as the state as a whole. Additionally, we offer special continuing education programs in which national speakers are invited to our state to share their experience and expertise.

While one of the Commission's goals is to serve the needs of certified mediators with high-quality education programs, it is also our goal to educate attorneys, judges and the general public on the uses and benefits of mediation. To that end, anyone is welcome to attend our continuing education programs or training courses.

I hope that you find this catalog helpful, and that you are able to attend one of these engaging educational programs.

Sincerely,

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2017 PROGRAM DATES

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2016 - LITTLE ROCK
20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

OCTOBER 7, 2016 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM CME

OCTOBER 21, 2016 - HOT SPRINGS
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2016 - MORRILTON
COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 7-9, 2016 - LITTLE ROCK
JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS

JANUARY 13, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM -
ORIENTATION SESSION

JANUARY 27, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 14, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

APRIL 28, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 12, 2017 - JONESBORO
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

JUNE 23, 2017 - ROGERS
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

JULY 17-21, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
40-HOUR BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

JULY 28, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2017 - PINE BLUFF
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

AUGUST 18, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM -
ORIENTATION SESSION

AUGUST 29, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
LAST CHANCE CME/CLE PROGRAM - VIDEO

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

OCTOBER 2017 (DATE: TBA) - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM CME

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2017 - MORRILTON
COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 6-8, 2017 - LITTLE ROCK
JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS

ARKANSAS ADR COMMISSION

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courts.arkansas.gov/administration/adr



CERTIFICATION

Mediators eligible to mediate cases from the Arkansas Circuit Courts for compensation must be certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission. The Commission has established standards for mediator certification, professional conduct and discipline with which applicants must comply in order to be included on the Roster of Certified Mediators. The Roster is provided to every circuit court judge in the state, posted to our website and made available to anyone who contacts our office seeking a mediator.

There are four categories of certification: civil, probate, domestic relations and juvenile. The education, training and practical experience requirements vary for each of the categories, and the specifics are set out in the *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*.

Certified mediators are required to adhere to ethical standards and are subject to a disciplinary process. The Commission has no authority over mediators who are not certified.

CONTINUING MEDIATION EDUCATION

In order to maintain good standing, certified mediators must complete six hours of continuing mediation education (CME) each reporting period. The reporting period begins on September 1 and ends on August 31. The Commission offers a series of CME programs around the state throughout the year. Additionally, programs conducted by other organizations and individuals may be approved by the Commission for CME credit. The application for CME course approval is on the Commission's website at <https://courts.arkansas.gov/administration/adr/training>.



ARKANSAS ADR COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MEDIATORS FOR CIRCUIT COURT OVERVIEW

	CIVIL	PROBATE	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	JUVENILE
EDUCATION	Juris Doctorate or equivalent; or Master's Degree or higher	If the applicant meets the qualifications for certification in the civil or domestic relations category, they qualify for certification in the probate category	Juris Doctorate or equivalent; or Master's Degree or higher; or Bachelor's Degree with two years work experience in family and marriage issues*	Juris Doctorate or equivalent; or Master's Degree or higher; or Bachelor's Degree with two years work experience in family and juvenile issues*
TRAINING	40-Hour Basic Mediation Training		40-Hour Basic Mediation Training and 20-Hour Family Mediation Training	40-Hour Basic Mediation Training and 20-Hour Family Mediation Training and Juvenile Court Overview for Mediators
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE	Observe, co-mediate or mediate two cases from the civil division of the Arkansas Circuit Court		Observe, co-mediate or mediate two cases from the domestic relations division of the Arkansas Circuit Court	Complete the Juvenile Mentor Mediation Program (<i>contact the Commission Coordinator</i>)

*Qualifying work experience is determined by the ADR Commission.

The *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*, as well as all other rules pertaining to certified mediators, and the application for certification are available online at <https://courts.arkansas.gov/administration/adr>.

2017 REGIONAL CME/CLE LOCATIONS

October 21, 2016 - Hot Springs

Hot Springs Convention Center and Bank of the Ozarks Arena
Rooms: 207 and 208
134 Convention Blvd.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Registration Opens for Mediators: September 5, 2016
Registration Opens for All Others: September 19, 2016
Registration Closes: October 14, 2016

April 14, 2017 - Little Rock

Robinson Center
Rooms: Ballrooms B and C
7 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201

Registration Opens for Mediators: February 27, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: March 13, 2017
Registration Closes: April 7, 2017

May 12, 2017 - Jonesboro

Hilton Garden Inn
Rooms: Ozark and Delta
2840 S. Caraway
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Registration Opens for Mediators: March 27, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: April 10, 2017
Registration Closes: May 5, 2017

June 23, 2017 - Rogers

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas - Hotel, Spa & Convention Center
Room: TBA
3303 S. Pinnacle Hills Pkwy.
Rogers, AR 72758

Registration Opens for Mediators: May 8, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: May 22, 2017
Registration Closes: June 16, 2017

August 11, 2017 - Pine Bluff

Hampton Inn & Suites
511 Mallard Loop
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Registration Opens for Mediators: June 26, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: July 10, 2017
Registration Closes: August 4, 2017

Approved for six (6) hours of Continuing Mediation Education (CME) and six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE).

The Regional CME/CLE Program must have a minimum of 20 people registered two weeks prior to program date or the event is cancelled.

NW REGIONAL CME/CLE - JUNE 23, 2017

Embassy Suites
3303 South Pinnacle Hills Pkwy.
Rogers, AR 72758

NE REGIONAL CME/CLE - MAY 12, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn
2840 S. Caraway Rd.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

CENTRAL REGIONAL CME/CLE - APRIL 14, 2017

Robinson Center
7 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201

SW REGIONAL CME/CLE - OCTOBER 21, 2016

Hot Springs Convention Center
134 Convention Blvd.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

SE REGIONAL CME/CLE - AUGUST 11, 2017

Hampton Inn & Suites
511 Mallard Loop
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

2017 REGIONAL CME/CLE AGENDA

TIMES	ACTIVITY
8:30 - 9:30	A Beginner's Guide to Mediation
9:30 - 10:30	The Arkansas Access and Visitation Mediation Program: Helping Parents Resolve Custody, Visitation, and Support Disputes
10:30 - 10:40	Break
10:40 - 11:40	What Does the Mediation Consumer Really Want?
11:40 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:15	A View From the Bench: Judges Offer Their Perspectives on Court Ordered Mediation
1:15 - 2:15	1996 - 2016: A Look at the Evolution of ADR in Arkansas and the Work of the ADR Commission
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:30	Ethics

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Registrant Name: _____

Preferred Name (for Badge): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Regional CME/CLE Program Registration

- October 21, 2016 [Southwest Regional CME/CLE Program - Hot Springs](#)
Cost: Certified Mediators - Free, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: September 5, 2016
Registration Opens for All Others: September 19, 2016
- April 14, 2017 [Central Regional CME/CLE Program - Little Rock](#)
Cost: Certified Mediators - Free, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: February 27, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: March 13, 2017
- May 12, 2017 [Northeast Regional CME/CLE Program - Jonesboro](#)
Cost: Certified Mediators - Free, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 27, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: April 10, 2017
- June 23, 2017 [Northwest Regional CME/CLE Program - Rogers](#)
Cost: Certified Mediators - Free, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: May 8, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: May 22, 2017
- August 11, 2017 [Southeast Regional CME/CLE Program - Pine Bluff](#)
Cost: Certified Mediators - Free, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: June 26, 2017
Registration Opens for All Others: July 10, 2017

Training Registration

- July 17 - 21, 2017 [40-Hour Basic Mediation Training - Little Rock](#)
Cost: \$950
Registration Opens: May 29, 2017
- September 13 - 15, 2017 [20-Hour Family Mediation Training - Little Rock](#)
Cost: \$600
Registration Opens: July 24, 2017
- December 6 - 8, 2017 [Juvenile Court Overview for Mediators - Little Rock](#)
Cost: \$100
Registration Opens: October 16, 2017

Payment Information

Send check with Registration Form to:
Arkansas ADR Commission
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dietary or Other Special Requests: _____

40-HOUR BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

Participants in this training course will be introduced to mediation as an alternative way to resolve conflicts. Participants are taught skills used in the mediation process through lecture, discussion and role play. The goal of this course is to assist participants in gaining the skills needed to be an effective mediator.

This course satisfies the 40-hour basic mediation training standard set forth in the *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*. However, participants who complete this course are not automatically certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission. Certification can only be achieved by successfully completing the certification application process, which includes meeting additional education, practical experience and ethical standards.

This course is limited to 18 people. Please call to confirm spots are available prior to mailing registration form.

40-HOUR BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING COST \$950

July 17-21, 2017
Justice Building, Room 101
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: May 29, 2017**
- **Registration Closes: July 7, 2017**

Approved for thirty (30) hours of Continuing Legal Education.

20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

Family Mediation Training is a highly interactive course that provides grounding in the elements of divorce mediation. The course builds upon prior training and experience in general mediation to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for mediation of property division, custody, visitation and support issues. Other topics include ethics and screening for domestic violence or abuse.

Completion of a Commission-approved 40-hour basic mediation training course is a prerequisite to registering for this course.

Certification in the Domestic Relations category requires completion of a 40-hour basic mediation training course and a 20-hour family mediation training course. This course satisfies the 20-hour family mediation training standard set forth in the *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*. However, participants who complete this course are not automatically certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission. Certification can only be achieved by successfully completing the certification application process, which includes meeting additional education, practical experience and ethical standards.

This course is limited to 18 people. Please call to confirm spots are available prior to mailing registration form.

20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING COST \$600

September 13 - 15, 2017
Justice Building, Room 101
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: July 24, 2017**
- **Registration Closes: September 1, 2017**

Approved for nineteen and a half (19.5) hours of Continuing Legal Education.

JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS

This two-and-one-half-day course is presented by various experts in the field of child development and the juvenile court system. Topics include child and adolescent development, dependency/neglect law and policy, families in need of services (FINS) law and policy, juvenile delinquency law and policy, and the dynamics of juvenile mediation. Throughout the course, participants are provided an overview of the law, followed by a segment on how mediation works for that particular type of case. Participants learn through lecture, discussion and mediation demonstrations.

Completion of a Commission-approved 40-hour basic mediation course, a 20-hour family mediation course and Juvenile Court Overview for Mediators is required for certification in the juvenile category. Participants who complete this course are not automatically certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission. Certification can only be achieved by successfully completing the certification application process, which includes meeting additional education and ethical standards, as well as successfully completing the Juvenile Mediation Mentor Program.

JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS COST \$100

December 6-8, 2017

Justice Building, Room 101

625 Marshall Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: October 16, 2017**
- **Registration Closes: November 24, 2017**

Approved for eighteen (18) hours of Continuing Legal Education.

JUVENILE MENTOR MEDIATOR PROGRAM

Mediators who wish to be certified in the juvenile category must complete the Juvenile Mediation Mentor Program. In order to qualify for entry into the mentor program, the applicant must meet all education, training and ethical requirements for certification, and have a completed certification application submitted to the Commission. Once the applicant's information has been verified and background checks are complete, the applicant will be accepted into the mentor program.

Once in the program, the applicant must co-mediate three cases from the juvenile division of the circuit court with a mentor mediator. One of the three mediations must be a dependency/neglect case. At the conclusion of each case, the mentor mediator will complete an evaluation of the mentee and submit it to the Commission. When all three cases are completed, the Commission will review the evaluations, along with the completed application for certification, and make a determination as to whether or not juvenile certification will be granted.

COMMISSION MEMBERS



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The Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission was created by Act 673 of 1995 and consists of seven volunteer members who have demonstrated prior interest or involvement in alternative dispute resolution. Members are appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The primary mission of the Commission is to encourage, promote and develop the voluntary use of alternative dispute resolution processes to resolve disputes, cases and controversies of all kinds.

The Administrative Offices of the Courts (AOC) provides general staff support, facilities and operating assistance for the Commission. The AOC is an agency within the judicial branch of government that works to support the state courts on behalf of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

The mission of the Administrative Offices of the Courts is to support the Arkansas Judiciary and employees of the judicial branch and to assist attorneys and members of the public who rely upon an independent state court system that is efficient, accessible and fair to all.

