ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

Continuing Mediation Education and Training Programs Catalog

2015

"Supporting Courts, Ensuring Justice"

On behalf of the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, I'm pleased to present the 2015 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,

Robert Hornberger
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2015 PROGRAM DATES

JANUARY 16 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAM ORIENTATION

JANUARY 22 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 30 - LITTLE ROCK
MEDIATORS ETHICS, LAW, AND GENERAL PRACTICES

APRIL 22 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 24 - TEXARKANA
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CME PROGRAM

MAY 8 - LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL REGIONAL CME PROGRAM

MAY 15 - JONESBORO
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CME PROGRAM

JUNE 26 - ROGERS
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CME PROGRAM

JULY 17 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 20-24 - LITTLE ROCK
40-HOUR BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

JULY 31 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAM ORIENTATION

AUGUST 14 - PINE BLUFF
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CME PROGRAM

AUGUST 25 - LITTLE ROCK
"LAST CHANCE" CME PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 11 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM CME

SEPTEMBER 28 - TBA
STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE MEDIATION PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2 - LITTLE ROCK
20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

OCTOBER 16 - LITTLE ROCK
CME PROGRAM

OCTOBER 22-23 - MORRILTON
COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 9-11 - LITTLE ROCK
JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS

FREE CME

Certified Mediators may attend one Regional CME at no charge!

Non-Certified Mediators, Attorneys, and General Public may attend for a $75 registration fee.

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, is 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.*

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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 mediators meet 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*	Master's Degree or higher; Juris Doctorate or equivalent; 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 (*contact the Commission Coordinator*)

*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.***

2015 REGIONAL CME LOCATIONS

April 24, 2015—Texarkana
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 16
Registration Opens for all others: March 25
Registration Closes: April 17

May 8, 2015—Little Rock
Crowne Plaza
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 30
Registration Opens for all others: April 8
Registration Closes: May 1

May 15, 2015—Jonesboro
Hilton Garden Inn
Registration Opens for Mediators: April 6
Registration Opens for all others: April 15
Registration Closes: May 8

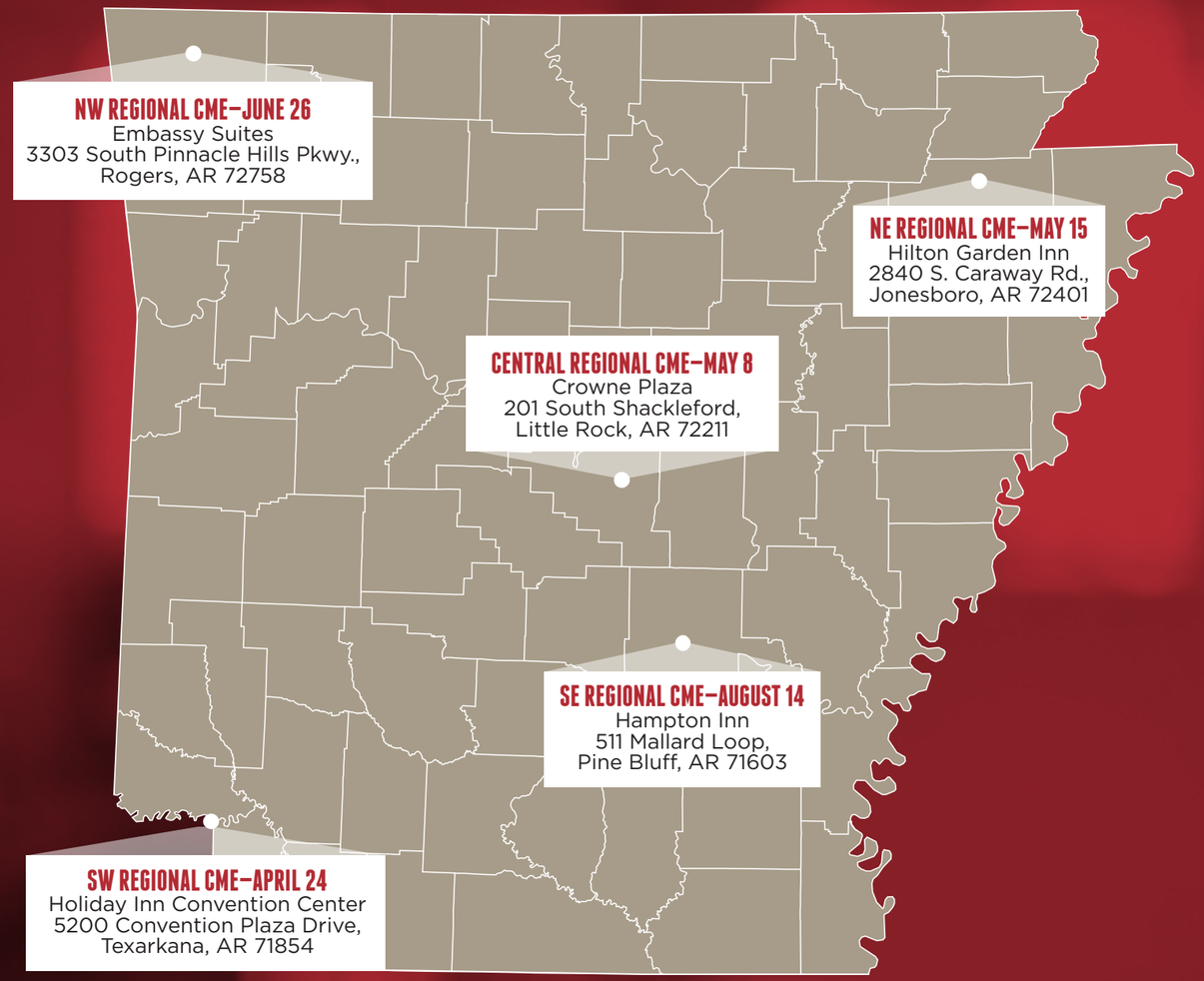
June 26, 2015—Rogers
Embassy Suites
Registration Opens for Mediators: May 11
Registration Opens for all others: May 25
Registration Closes: June 19

August 14, 2015—Pine Bluff
Hampton Inn
Registration Opens for Mediators: July 6
Registration Opens for all others: July 15
Registration Closes: August 7

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

2015 REGIONAL CME AGENDA

Times	Activity
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome and Introductions
8:45 - 9:45	Nuts and Bolts of Building a Mediation Practice Part 1
9:45 - 10:45	Nuts and Bolts of Building a Mediation Practice Part 2
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:00	The Devil is in the Details
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45	Overcoming Challenges in Mediation Part 1: Mediator's Perspective
1:45 - 2:45	Overcoming Challenges in Mediation Part 2: Attorney's Perspective
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:00	Regional and State Programs



LIST OF SPEAKERS FOR REGIONAL CME

Bob Hornberger | Jim Tilley | John Dewey Watson | J. P. Janyes
Larry Thompson | Lori Whitby | Pine Drewyor | Richard Lusby
Richard Ramsay | Travis Berry | Victoria Morris

*Speakers subject to change.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Registrant Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone: (_____)_____

Email:_____

Regional CME Registration

Free CME for Certified Mediators $75 for All Others

☐ April 24 Southwest Arkansas CME – Texarkana
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 16
Registration Opens for All Others: March 25

☐ May 8 Central Arkansas CME – Little Rock
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 30
Registration Opens for All Others: April 8

☐ May 15 Northeast Arkansas CME – Jonesboro
Registration Opens for Mediators: April 6
Registration Opens for All Others: April 15

☐ June 26 Northwest Arkansas CME – Rogers
Registration Opens for Mediators: May 11
Registration Opens for All Others: May 25

☐ August 14 Southeast Arkansas CME – Pine Bluff
Registration Opens for Mediators: July 6
Registration Opens for All Others: July 15

Other CME Registration

☐ September 11 Access & Visitation Mediation Program CME - Little Rock
Registration Open only for Access and Visitation Program Mediators: August 3

☐ October 16 CME Program – Little Rock
Registration Opens for Mediators: September 7
Registration Opens for All Others: September 16

Training Registration

☐ July 20-24 40-Hour Basic Mediation Training – Little Rock Fee: **$850**
Registration Opens: June 1

☐ September 30 – October 2 20-Hour Family Mediation Training – Little Rock Fee: **$550**
Registration Opens: August 10

☐ December 9-11 Juvenile Court Overview for Mediators – Little Rock Fee: **$75**
Registration Opens: November 2

Payment Information

Send check with Registration Form to:
Arkansas ADR Commission
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Dietary or Other Special Requests: _____

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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.

40-HOUR BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

July 20–24, 2015
Woman's City Club
401 Scott Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: June 1**
- **Registration Closes: July 10**

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 pre-requisite 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.

20-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

September 30 – October 2, 2015
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: August 10**
- **Registration Closes: September 18**

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 successful completion of the Juvenile Mediation Mentor Program.

JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS
December 9-11, 2015
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: November 2**
- **Registration Closes: December 1**

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.

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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 Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the 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.

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