



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

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



2019



"Supporting Courts, Ensuring Justice"



On behalf of the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, I'm pleased to present the 2019 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 a variety of continuing education opportunities. On odd-numbered years, we offer continuing mediation education (CME) programs in locations throughout the state. These regional programs utilize local mediators, attorneys and other professionals as faculty to present on topics tailored to meet the needs of that area, as well as the state as a whole. On even-numbered years, we offer a statewide conference 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
Chair

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ARKANSAS ADR COMMISSION

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2019 PROGRAM DATES

OCTOBER 26, 2018 - HOT SPRINGS
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

JANUARY 10, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM
ORIENTATION SESSION

JANUARY 31, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 8, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
MEDIATOR ETHICS, LAW AND GENERAL PRACTICES
IN ARKANSAS

APRIL 12, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

APRIL 25, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 10, 2019 - JONESBORO
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

JUNE 21, 2019 - ROGERS
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

JULY 19, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
MEDIATOR ETHICS, LAW AND GENERAL PRACTICES
IN ARKANSAS

JULY 22-26, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
40-HOUR CIVIL TRIAL COURT MEDIATION TRAINING

JULY 25, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2019 - PINE BLUFF
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CME/CLE PROGRAM

AUGUST 16, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION PROGRAM
ORIENTATION SESSION

SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
40-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAM ADVANCED CME

OCTOBER 24, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 - LITTLE ROCK
MEDIATOR ETHICS, LAW AND GENERAL PRACTICES
IN ARKANSAS



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 arcourts.gov/administration/adr/trainingc



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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 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 Mediation Training		40-Hour Basic Mediation Training and 20-Hour Family Mediation Training or 40-Hour Family Mediation Training	40-Hour Mediation Training and 20-Hour Family Mediation Training and Juvenile Court Overview for Mediators or 40-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 arcourts.gov/administration/adr.

2019 REGIONAL CME/CLE LOCATIONS

October 26, 2018 – Hot Springs

Hot Springs Convention Center
Rooms 102 and 103
134 Convention Boulevard
Hot Springs, AR 71901
Registration Opens for Mediators: September 14, 2018
Registration Opens for All Others: September 28, 2018
Registration Closes: October 19, 2018

April 12, 2019 – Little Rock

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Room: Jackson
201 S. Shackleford Road
Little Rock, AR 72211
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 1, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: March 15, 2019
Registration Closes: April 5, 2019

May 10, 2019 – Jonesboro

Hilton Garden Inn
Room: Ozark and Delta
2840 South Caraway Road
Jonesboro, AR 72401
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 29, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: April 12, 2019
Registration Closes: May 3, 2019

June 21, 2019 – Rogers

John Q. Hammons Convention Center
Room: Ambassador ABC
3303 South Pinnacle Hills Parkway
Rogers, AR 72758
Registration Opens for Mediators: May 10, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: May 24, 2019
Registration Closes: June 14, 2019

August 9, 2019 – Pine Bluff

Hampton Inn & Suites
Room: Newcrest
511 Mallard Loop
Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Registration Opens for Mediators: June 28, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: July 12, 2019
Registration Closes: August 2, 2019

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.

2019 REGIONAL CME/CLE AGENDA

Times

9:00 am – 10:30 am
10:30 am – 10:45 am
10:45 am – 11:45 am
11:45 am – 12:30 pm
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Activity

Working with Interpreters in Mediation
Break
“LA Law vs. Night Court: When Becker Meets Bull”
Lunch (Provided)
Unbundled Legal Services & Mediation
Best Practices for Managing the Multiparty Mediation
Break
A 360° Approach to Preparing for Mediation: Mediator, Attorney & Client

NW REGIONAL CME/CLE – JUNE 21, 2019

John Q. Hammons Convention Center
3303 South Pinnacle Hills Pkwy.
Rogers, AR 72758

NE REGIONAL CME/CLE – MAY 10, 2019

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

CENTRAL REGIONAL CME/CLE – APRIL 12, 2019

Crowne Plaza Hotel
201 S. Shackelford Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72211

SW REGIONAL CME/CLE – OCTOBER 26, 2018

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

SE REGIONAL CME/CLE – AUGUST 9, 2019

Hampton Inn & Suites
511 Mallard Lp.
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Speakers and topics are subject to change.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Registrant Name: _____

Preferred Name (for Badge): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Regional CME/CLE Program Registration

- ☐ October 26, 2018 **Southwest Regional CME/CLE Program - Hot Springs**
Cost: Certified Mediators - FREE, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: September 14, 2018
Registration Opens for All Others: September 28, 2018
- ☐ **Mediator Ethics, Law and General Practices in Arkansas** (please select a date below)
March 9, 2019 ☐ July 19, 2019 ☐ November 7, 2019 ☐
Applicants who complete a basic or family mediation training outside of Arkansas must also complete the Commission's course Mediator Ethics, Law and General Practices in Arkansas.
- ☐ April 12, 2019 **Central Regional CME/CLE Program - Little Rock**
Cost: Certified Mediators - FREE, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 1, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: March 15, 2019
- ☐ May 10, 2019 **Northeast Regional CME/CLE Program**
Cost: Certified Mediators - FREE, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: March 29, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: April 12, 2019
- ☐ June 21, 2019 **Northwest Regional CME/CLE Program**
Cost: Certified Mediators - FREE, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: May 10, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: May 24, 2019
- ☐ August 9, 2019 **Southeast Regional CME/CLE Program**
Cost: Certified Mediators - FREE, All Others - \$75
Registration Opens for Mediators: June 28, 2019
Registration Opens for All Others: July 12, 2019
- ☐ September 20, 2019 **Access and Visitation Mediation Program Advanced CME - Little Rock**
This program is open only to Access & Visitation Program Mediators.
Registration Opens: August 9, 2019 | Registration Closes: September 6, 2019

Training Registration

- ☐ July 22-26, 2019 **40-Hour Civil Trial Court Mediation Training - Little Rock**
Cost \$975 | Registration Opens: June 10, 2019
- ☐ September 9-13, 2019 **40-Hour Family Mediation Training - Little Rock**
Cost \$975 | Registration Opens: July 29, 2019

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 CIVIL TRIAL COURT MEDIATION TRAINING

The focus of this training is mediating the litigated civil case. Participants 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 or civil mediation training 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 20 people. Please call to confirm spots are available prior to mailing registration form.

40-HOUR CIVIL TRIAL COURT MEDIATION TRAINING COST \$975

July 22-26, 2019

Justice Building, Room 101

625 Marshall Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: June 10, 2019**
- **Registration Closes: July 8, 2019**

40-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

Family Mediation Training is a highly interactive course that provides grounding in the elements of divorce mediation. Through lecture, discussion and simulation, participants will learn the mediation process and develop the skills and knowledge necessary for mediation of property division, custody, visitation and support issues.

This course satisfies the 40-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.

40-HOUR FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING COST \$975

September 9-13, 2019

Justice Building, Room 101

625 Marshall Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

- **Registration Opens: July 29, 2019**
- **Registration Closes: August 23, 2019**



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.



MEDIATOR ETHICS, LAW AND GENERAL PRACTICES IN ARKANSAS

Applicants who complete a basic or family mediation training course outside of Arkansas must also complete the Commission's course *Mediator Ethics, Law and General Practices in Arkansas*.

March 9, 2019: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

July 19, 2019: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

November 7, 2019: 9:00 am – 11:00 am



SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 2020

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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.

