

Overview of Qualifications for Service on a Court's Domestic Relations Mediation Roster

An applicant must (a) be a licensed attorney, a licensed or limited licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; or (b) have a masters degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; or (c) have a graduate degree in a behavioral science¹; or (d) have 5 years experience in family counseling, and one of the following:

Domestic Relations Court Rule Training (MCR 3.216)

Completion Of:

- A domestic relations mediator training program approved by the State Court Administrative Office.
- Observation of two domestic relations mediations and conducting one mediation under the supervision of an approved mediator.
- 4-hour domestic violence screening training program.
- If training was more than two years prior to the application, eight hours of advanced mediator training in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster.

Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Training

Completion Of:

- An approved ACR 40-hour training program.
- Observation of two domestic relations mediations and conducting one mediation under the supervision of an approved mediator.
- 4-hour domestic violence screening training program.
- If not a Michigan licensed lawyer, a 6-hour program addressing basic laws, rules, and guidelines governing Michigan domestic relations actions.
- If training was more than two years prior to the application, eight hours of advanced mediator training in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster.

Other Qualifications

Completion Of:

- A 24-hour domestic relations training program, conducted prior to December 31, 2000, approved by a court or agency targeted to prepare persons to serve domestic relations mediators, at least 25% of which involved roleplay and participation in mediation.
- 40 hours or 10 domestic relations cases in the two years prior to application.
- 4-hour domestic violence screening training program.
- If not a Michigan licensed lawyer, a 6-hour program addressing basic laws, rules, and guidelines governing Michigan domestic relations actions.
- If training was more than two years prior to the application, eight hours of advanced mediator training in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster.

¹The degree requirements of MCR 3.216(G)(1)(a) may be waived upon demonstration of completion of 80 hours or 20 cases in domestic relations mediation.