

Overview of Qualifications for Service on a Court's General Civil Mediation Roster

General Civil Court Rule Training (MCR 2.411(F)(2))

- Completion of a mediator training program approved by the State Court Administrative Office.
- Have a juris doctor degree or graduate degree in conflict resolution or 40 hours of mediation experience over two years.
- Observe two general civil mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator, and conduct one general civil mediation to conclusion under the supervision of an approved mediator.

Michigan Community Dispute Resolution Program Training

Completion of:

- CDRP 40-hour training.
- Observation of two general civil mediations, conducting one mediation under the supervision of an approved mediator. If not an attorney, 40 hours or 18 cases of mediation experience in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster.
- 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.
- If not a Michigan licensed lawyer, a 6-hour program addressing basic laws, rules and guidelines governing Michigan civil actions.

Mediation Training Outside of Michigan

Completion of:

- 40-hour mediator training program approved by a court or agency targeted to prepare persons to serve as mediators for general civil cases.
- 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.
- Observation of two general civil mediations, conducting one mediation under the supervision of an approved mediator. If not an attorney, 40 hours or 18 cases of mediation experience in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster.
- If not a Michigan licensed lawyer, a 6-hour program addressing basic laws, rules, and guidelines governing Michigan civil actions.

Other Qualifications

Completion of:

- For persons already serving on a circuit court mediation court roster as of December 31, 2000, an initial 16-hour mediator training program and supplemental 8-hour program completed before December 31, 2001.
- For persons completing the Voluntary Facilitative Mediation Program training of the U.S. District Court, Western District, Michigan, completion of a 16-hour mediation training program prior to January 1, 2003.
- Observation of two general civil mediations, conducting one mediation under the supervision of an approved mediator. If not an attorney, 40 hours or 18 cases of mediation experience in the two years prior to application to serve on a roster (applies to both 1 and 2 above).
- 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 (applies to both 1 and 2 above).