

Mediator Application – Family Mediation Program

Family cases in DC Superior Court are eligible for mediation if one or both parties live in the District of Columbia. Family issues include custody, visitation, child support, and property distribution related to separation and divorce. Parties can mediate prior to filing a formal complaint in court; they can mediate if they do not intend to file a case at all; and they can come to mediation after they have filed a complaint, either before or after their initial court hearing. With our “same-day” mediation track, parties can begin mediation on the same day as their initial court hearing.

Judges routinely require that parties in contested domestic relations cases attempt mediation, particularly if they have children. Mediation can enable parties to reach a fair and workable agreement that satisfies the needs of parents and children. Depending on the parties’ preference, mediated agreements may or may not be incorporated into a court order.

Mediators in the Family Program have a wide variety of personal and professional experience. Typically, new mediators mediate at least three times per month during the first year, the first six hours of which are on a *pro bono publico* basis; a \$60 stipend per session is offered thereafter. The program provides mediators with ongoing skills training opportunities and peer evaluation. There is a two-year term limit for all Multi-Door mediators, renewable at the discretion of the program.

Our goal always is to provide excellent service and support both to our parties and to our mediators.



Please complete the following:

Name _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____

e-mail _____

Please check all areas in which you have experience:

- _____ child custody - physical
- _____ child custody - legal
- _____ issues of child development
- _____ visitation
- _____ calculating child support
- _____ calculating child support using the current D.C. child support guideline
- _____ divorce/legal separation

D.C. domestic relations law
 division of property
 domestic violence
 drafting Agreements
 other (describe): _____

When did you last mediate a family case? _____

Did the case involve calculating child support? Yes No

Did the case involve property distribution? Yes No

Why are you interested in mediating, in particular, with the Family Mediation Program at Multi-Door?

What personal qualities do you have that you believe make you a good family mediator?

We schedule mediations during weekday mornings and afternoons; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.; and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 12 noon. When are you available to mediate?

How many times a month are you available to mediate? _____

Signed:

Name

Date

6/29/07