

BASIC FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING

*Country Inn & Suites
Beckley
May 19-23, 2008*

*or
WVU College of Law
Morgantown
August 4-8, 2008*

*An intensive, interactive 40-hour training program
for attorneys, counselors, therapists, social workers, and others
who desire to serve as Family Mediators in West Virginia.*



Co-sponsors

*Potomac Mediation Services
and
Dispute Resolution Skills Institute
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The Family—The Fuss—and The Forum

Family conflict, if unattended or unmanaged, is costly and destructive. At best, relationships are damaged and inefficiencies abound. At par, civil litigation is spawned, and the impact ripples—it often avalanches—far beyond the litigants themselves. At worst, egocentric behavior erupts into severe injury or loss of life. Mediation is emerging as an appropriate dispute resolution forum. It is especially appropriate for those who must continue in their relationships as parents long after their "case" has been decided.

West Virginia is utilizing mediation to help the parties resolve many domestic relations issues on their own. This training will equip a cadre of family law mediators to serve in West Virginia's Family Court Circuits as these mediation initiatives expand.

Faculty

Professor Tom Patrick, Director
Dispute Resolution Skills Institute
WVU College of Law

Donna Maciorowski, M.A., LPC, NCC
Potomac Mediation Services
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

April Dowler, Former Family Law Master—Circuit 24
Mediator

Amy Wilson Strange, Ph. D.
Licensed Psychologist
Family Matters Psychological Services, PLLC
Lost Creek, West Virginia

. . . and others who will lead small group exercises and coach the development of mediation skills.

Program†

This will be a stimulating workshop; participants will develop mediation skills through several hours of interactive, small-group instruction and mediation exercises. The program is intense—five full days of instruction including

- Day 1* Overview of Mediation & Conflict Resolution
- Day 2* West Virginia Domestic Relations Law
- Day 3* Parent Education & the Psychological Impact of Divorce upon Families
- Day 4* Domestic Violence & Family Mediation
- Day 5* Marketing, Professionalism, and Ethics
[Course ends at 3:00 P.M. on Friday]

†**For additional information**, please contact Professor Patrick at (304) 293-2871 or tpatrick@wvu.edu.

Registration

Tuition for the Basic Family Mediation Training is \$895. and includes all materials and refreshments each day. Continuing education units may be obtained upon request. Enrollment is limited; in order to ensure enrollment in this training, participants should return the enclosed form to Donna Maciorowski as soon as possible.

The May training will be conducted at the Country Inn & Suites on Harper Road in Beckley—(304) 252-5100. To obtain the conference rate of \$78.20, reservations must be made by April 18; group code—“FMT.” Additional information may be obtained at www.countryinns.com/beckleywv.

The August training will be conducted at the West Virginia University College of Law. Participants needing help with lodging in Morgantown may contact Professor Patrick.

Requirements to become an Approved Family Court Mediator by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

bachelors degree
40- Hour Basic Family Mediation Training *
4 hours of instruction on West Virginia Family Law *
4 hours of instruction on domestic violence *
2 family mediation observations ‡
3 family mediation co-mediations ‡
mediator malpractice insurance (information provided)

*included in the Basic Family Mediation Training
‡must be scheduled in various circuits following the training; there may be some optional opportunities for observation in the evenings during the training.

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*Registration information [this form]
and tuition should be mailed to [checks payable to]*

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(check all boxes that apply)

I am registering to attend the Beckley training May 19-23, 2008.

I am registering to attend the Morgantown training August 4-8, 2008.

*Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ home

_____ work

e-mail _____

\$895—Tuition enclosed

\$450—Tuition deposit enclosed [\$445
balance 14 days prior to the training]

\$175—Tuition for WV Domestic Relations
Law (Day 2) only [for registrants who
have previously completed a 40-hour
Divorce Mediation Training Program]

*Print name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

I desire continuing educational credit
from the following professional entity:

_____ [address]

_____ [telephone]

I can not attend this training, but I would like to receive information
about future family mediation training workshops.

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