Opportunities to Gain Experience as a Mediator

Federal Government

Sharing Neutrals
http://www.hhs.gov/dab/sn/

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
http://www.eeoc.gov/mediate/contacts.html

Federal Executive Boards
http://www.feb.gov/overview.asp

Baltimore Federal Executive Board
http://www.baltimorefeb.us/html/values.html

Interagency ADR Working Group
http://www.adr.gov

Virginia

Volunteering Overview:
Volunteering can be difficult in Virginia due to the requirement that all mediators be certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia to do court mediation. Since all mediation centers have court programs, this becomes a requirement and, thus, puts a strain on the system. There is often a charge to people to meet all the requirements for Certification.

Northern Virginia Mediation Service
4260 Chain Bridge Road, Suite A-2
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-993-3656
http://www.nvms.us/
Divorce mediation including child support, separation agreements, custody and visitation, property distribution, etc., community mediation, court mediation, complex case mediation and facilitation throughout the Washington, D.C. Metro Region and the Northern Virginia
Court Program Open to Mediators:
Prince William County Dispute Resolution
9309 Center Street Suite 301
Manassas, VA 20144
703-792-4756
http://www.co.prince-william.va.us/default.aspx?topic=040017001900000114

Virginia Certification Info:
Department of Dispute Resolution Services
Supreme Court of Virginia
100 North 9th Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
804-786-6455
http://www.courts.state.va.us/drs/main.htm

Community Mediation Centers in Virginia:
Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution
Membership association which lists community mediation centers across Virginia.
http://www.vaccr.org/centers.htm

Maryland

Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO):
900 Commerce Road
Annapolis, MD 21401
phone: 410-841-2260
fax: 410-841-2261
http://www.marylandmacro.org/

MACRO is a court-related agency and serves as an ADR resource. MACRO supports innovative dispute resolution programs and promotes the appropriate use of ADR in every field. MACRO works collaboratively with many others across the state to support efforts to advance effective conflict resolution practices in Maryland’s courts, communities, schools, state and local government agencies, criminal and juvenile justice programs and businesses.
The Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division (Multi-Door) reflects the multi-door courthouse concept, i.e., one courthouse with multiple dispute resolution doors or programs. The goals of a multi-door approach are to provide citizens with easy access to justice, reduce delay, and provide links to related services, making more options available through which disputes can be resolved. Multi-Door assists parties in reaching agreements that meet their interests, preserving relationships, and saving time and money. Multi-Door mediators must be accepted for training through an application process. Training opportunities are periodic and involve general mediation training as well as information about the specific program including child protection, civil, small claims, and family.

The DC Human Rights Amendment Act of 1977 (Amendment) established mandatory mediation, effective October 1, 1997. Mediation is used by the DC Office of Human Rights (OHR) as an alternative to investigation. Complaints that are not resolved in mediation are forwarded to case investigations as mandated under the DC Human Rights Act (Act) to be completed in 120 days. Mediations are conducted by ADR professionals, veteran mediators, attorneys, and a broad range of other professionals from the public and private sector. These services are provided to OHR on a pro bono basis. Mediations are usually held Monday - Friday in the evenings at 6:00 pm and sometimes during the day at 10:00 am. The mediation session lasts 1 - 3 hours and a follow-up session can be scheduled if warranted.
The Attorney/Client Arbitration Board (ACAB) provides a relatively informal and efficient arbitration and mediation services for DC Bar members and their clients to resolve disputes about legal fees and legal malpractice. The ACAB utilizes volunteer arbitrators and mediators who are attorneys and non-attorneys. Generally, non-attorney arbitrators and mediators are paired with attorney arbitrators and mediators for a particular case.

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