

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.

Washington, DC

Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division, D.C. Superior Court

515 5th Street, N.W., Suite 105

Washington, D.C. 20001

Phone: (202) 879-1549

http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/multi/getting_involved.jsp

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.

DC Office of Human Rights

441 4th Street, NW, Suite 570 North

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 727-5341

<http://ohr.dc.gov/ohr/site/default.asp?ohrNav=|30939|>

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.

DC Bar Attorney/Client Relations Program

District of Columbia Bar
1250 H Street, NW, 6th floor
Washington, DC 20005-5937
(202)737-4700 ext. 237
www.dcbar.org

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.

Better Business Bureau

Director of Foundation, Better Business Bureau
1411 K Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005
(202)393-8000 (automated help line)
www.mybbb.org