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## Family Law Mediation Workshop 2025

*Meeting Rule 8's training requirements for mediators*

MCLE is pleased to present this four-day, thirty-hour *Workshop* designed specifically for training mediators with knowledge of basic divorce law.

Rule 8 of the Uniform Rules on Dispute Resolution provides system-wide standards for court-connected alternative dispute resolution services in Massachusetts. Rule 8's guidelines establish training, evaluation, mentoring, and continuing education requirements for mediators, among others. Who needs Rule 8 training? Mediators, guardian ad litem, parenting coordinators, arbitrators, case evaluators, conciliators, neutrals for mini-trials and summary jury trials, and dispute intervenors. Without the training, you can't be on the list!

### What's covered?

This *Workshop* trains mediators in divorce, custody and parenting plans, support, paternity, and other family law matters. It enables you to serve as a family law mediator in compliance with state requirements.

### Special focus

The emphasis is on interactive participation in a facilitative mediation model and "learning by doing." The training blends theory and practice to enhance the performance of trainees. A variety of learning techniques cater to individual learning styles. Lecture and role-play sessions cover basic considerations in the types of issues that arise in family law disputes addressed by mediation.

### Workshop Dates

1. Monday, February 10, 2025 8:30 am–5:00 pm
2. Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:30 am–5:00 pm
3. Wednesday, February 12, 2025 8:30 am–5:00 pm
4. Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:30 am–3:30 pm

### Registration notes

- This limited-enrollment program is not included in the MCLE OnlinePass. To apply for a need-based scholarship, email [scholarships@mcle.org](mailto:scholarships@mcle.org).
- Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.
- Cancel by the end of the business day prior to the first day of the workshop and we'll refund your tuition minus a \$100 processing fee.

### Agenda

- Day 1: Monday, February 10, 2025, 8:30am - 5:00pm,
  - 8:30am - 9:00am, Welcome and Introduction
  - 9:00am - 9:30am, Introduction of Faculty, Seminar & Class
  - 9:30am - 10:15am, Introduction to Mediation
  - 10:15am - 10:30am, Break
  - 10:30am - 11:00am, Demonstration and Discussion
  - 11:00am - 12:00pm, Basic Mediation Skills
  - 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Lunch (on your own)
  - 1:00pm - 2:15pm, Fish Bowl and Debrief
  - 2:15pm - 2:30pm, Break

- 2:30pm - 3:00pm, Reframing: The Art of Saying What No One Wants to Hear
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Small Role Play Groups
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm, Group Debrief and Q&A
- Day 2: Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 8:30am - 5:00pm,
- 8:30am - 9:00am, Introduction
- 9:00am - 10:00am, Impact of Divorce on Kids – What Kids Need
- , Comments
- 10:00am - 10:15am, Break
- 10:15am - 10:45am, Demonstration and Discussion
- 10:45am - 11:45am, Role Plays in Break-Out Groups
- 11:45am - 12:00pm, Debrief Morning Role Play
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00pm - 2:15pm, Panel Discussion -- Common Child Issues in Mediation
- 2:15pm - 2:30pm, Break
- 2:30pm - 3:00pm, Demonstration and Discussion
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Afternoon Role Plays in Break-Out Groups
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm, Debrief Role Plays and Wrap-Up
- Day 3: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 8:30am - 5:00pm,
- 8:30am - 8:35am, Introduction
- 8:35am - 9:05am, The Use of Caucusing in Mediation
- 9:05am - 9:45am, How Can You Say That? The Mediator's Toolbox
- 9:45am - 10:00am, Break
- 10:00am - 12:00pm, Role Play - Small Groups
- 12:00pm - 12:30pm, Debrief Morning Role Play
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm, Legal and Ethical Issues in Mediation
- 2:15pm - 3:00pm, Standard of Practice and Ethical Dilemmas
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm, Psychological Issues in Family Mediation
- 3:45pm - 3:50pm, Break
- 3:50pm - 4:50pm, Diversity, Gender, and Cultural Issues in Mediation
- 4:50pm - 5:00pm, Review and Questions
- Day 4: Thursday, February 13, 2025, 8:30am - 3:30pm,
- 8:30am - 8:45am, Welcome and Introduction
- 8:45am - 10:00am, Screening for Appropriateness of Mediation and Role Play
- , Fishbowl Exercise
- 10:15am - 12:30pm, Agreement Writing: Purposes, Pitfalls, Good Practice
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Lunch - Guest Speakers
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Nuts and Bolts & Building Your Practice
- 2:30pm - 3:15pm, Listening Deeply to Your Client
- 3:15pm - 3:30pm, Post Training Resources
- 3:30pm, Debrief and Questions

## Chair

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## Dates

## Tuition

- \$1,295.00
- \$1,295.00 Members
- \$1,295.00 New Lawyers
- Email [scholarships@mcle.org](mailto:scholarships@mcle.org) to apply for a need-based scholarship.

### **Materials Included with Your Tuition**

- *Mediation: A Practice Guide for Mediators, Lawyers, and Other Professionals* ebook
- All presentation materials, including faculty slides and handouts, in electronic format

### **CLE Credits**

- Earn up to 30 substantive, 1.5 ethics

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