



ABA Section of Family Law and Boston Law Collaborative, LLC

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20-Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training



May 2 - 4, 2012

at Boston Law Collaborative, 99 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts

About the Program

What Is It?

The 20-Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training "Breaking Impasse and Managing Difficult Personalities in Mediation" is designed to provide you with an in-depth look at the mediation process, examining the various reasons why impasse occurs (economic, emotional, cultural, psychological, etc.). It will also provide you with the tools and resources needed to break through these barriers and help the parties reach a durable resolution in mediation.

Who Should Attend?

This training will be invaluable if you're a mediator seeking to advance your practice to the next level or a family law attorney looking to help your client overcome barriers in mediation.

It's for attorneys who have been exposed to family law mediation, mediators interested in the area of family law, and seasoned family law mediators. Divorce coaches and financial professionals, as well as those with a therapy background that work with couples or families, would also benefit from this training.

What Will the Training Involve?

The training will involve active participation in addition to lectures, discussions, and multimedia presentations. Participants will be provided with at least three opportunities to role-play as a mediator over the course of the three-day training.

Training and role-play coaching will be provided by experienced practitioners and mediators. Participants will also receive a notebook of resources, articles, forms and template materials.

Faculty

Learn from experienced mediators in the areas of finance, psychology, power imbalance, diversity and gender issues. Trainers include:

David Hoffman, Esq., Lead Trainer, Boston Law Collaborative, LLC
Israella Brill-Cass, Esq., Boston Law Collaborative, LLC
Marguerite Fletcher, Esq., Fletcher Legal Consulting
Rachel Goldman, Esq., Boston Law Collaborative, LLC
Don Greenstein, Esq., Boston Law Collaborative, LLC
Susan Miller, CPA, CFP, CDFP, Aurora Financial Advisors
Ranna Parekh, M.D., Massachusetts General Hospital
Douglas Reynolds, Esq., The New Law Center, LLC
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Richard Wolman, Ph.D., Boston Law Collaborative, LLC

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Registration Information

Secure these special early-bird discounted rates by registering before April 2, 2012. Rates go up after that date, and **space is limited!** Registration includes course materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

- ABA Family Law and Dispute Resolution Section Member Rate: \$950 (\$1,100 after April 2, 2012)
- Non Member Rate: \$1,100 (\$1,250 after April 2, 2012)

Cancellation Policy: To receive a full refund, minus a \$50 administrative fee, a written request must be received on or before April 2, 2012. No refunds will be issued after that date. Contact Alissa Norris (Alissa.Norris@americanbar.org) at the ABA Section of Family Law.

To register, or if you have questions regarding CLE credits: visit www.ambar.org/famlawmediation
For more information, visit Boston Law Collaborative's website: www.bostonlawcollaborative.com and click on "Calendar," or Contact Israela Brill-Cass, Esq., at IBrillCass@BostonLawCollaborative.com or (617-439-4700 x203)

Training Agenda

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Registration
- 12:30 – 1:30 Introduction to Advanced Divorce Mediation
- 1:30 – 3:00 Managing Difficult Personalities
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 5:30 Role Play: Working with Difficult Personalities
- 5:30 – 6:00 Debrief and Discussion of Role Play

Thursday, May 3, 2012

- 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:15 Co-Mediation: Theory and Practice
- 2:15 – 3:15 Impasse Breaking Techniques
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 5:30 Role Play: Using Impasse-Breaking Techniques
- 5:30 – 6:00 Debrief and Discussion of Role Play

Thursday, May 3, 2012

- 8:15 – 10:15 Diversity Issues in Divorce Mediation
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:30 Role Play: Diversity Issues in Divorce Mediation

Friday, May 4, 2012

- 9:00 – 11:00 Bringing Peace into the Room
- 11:00 – 12:30 Role Play: Putting it All Together
- 12:30 – 1:00 Debrief of Role Play; Concluding Thoughts

What Trainees Are Saying . . .

"This was the best training I can remember - excellent mix of informative presentations and stimulating role play."

"The Advanced Mediation Training was by far the best seminar that I have ever attended in my 23 years of [law] practice, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience."

"It was a great experience. The staff and presenters all embody the principles they teach – healing, respect for the individual, empathy and kindness."

"The instructors were wonderful. They balanced practical tips and theory very well."

"I really enjoyed the multi-instructor approach and also the use of video."

"The best thing about the training was the enthusiasm, commitment, and knowledge of the trainers and their ability to encourage the participants during all the exercises."