

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
Fourth Judicial District**

Court-Connected Mediator Application Form

Qualifications for mediators are based upon the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications Rules, issued as Chief Justice Order (CJO) No. 05-028, effective August 1, 2005.

For more information regarding the CJO go to:

[http://www.ojd.state.or.us/web/OJDPublications.nsf/Files/05cER001sh.pdf/\\$File/05cER001sh.pdf](http://www.ojd.state.or.us/web/OJDPublications.nsf/Files/05cER001sh.pdf/$File/05cER001sh.pdf)

Guidelines for Mediator Applicants can be found at:

http://courts.oregon.gov/Multnomah/docs/civilcourt/mediation_guidelinesformediatorapplicants.pdf

Instructions for submitting the completed form are at the bottom of the last page of this form.

Please note: Approved applications will appear on the court website as public information.

General Information

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I Am Applying To Be A:

General Civil Mediator

Yes

No

Probate Mediator

Yes

No

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator

Yes

No

Domestic Relations Financial Mediator

Yes

No

I adhere to the following organization's code(s) of professional ethics (e.g. OMA, OSB, ACR, AAA, etc.):

Oregon Mediation Association

I certify that I include in my opening remarks to the parties the required information specified in Section 1.4(3) of the CJO. MJN (Initials)

Current Employment Information

private solo mediation practice

Professional Memberships

Oregon Mediation Association, Oregon State Bar

It is required that you attach diplomas, certificates, or other forms of verification for the sections of the application below that contain an asterisk.

* **Basic Mediation Training** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)

Basic Mediation Training (Minimum required: 30 hours) [Sections 2.1(1)(a), 2.2(2)(a), 2.3(2)(a), & 3.2] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates. If you have not had Basic Mediation Training, describe substantially similar training or education. (Please note that experience as a mediator does not constitute "training.")

Basic Mediation Skills Training -- Confluence Center for Mediation Training (Mary Forst & Theresa Jensen, Trainers) -- 40 hours -- 7/31/96 to 8/6/96

* **Court System Training** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)

Describe your court system training. (Minimum required: 8 hours) [Sections 2.1(1)(b), 2.2(2)(c), 2.3(2)(d), & 3.5] Indicate the description, trainers(s), number of hours, and dates.

If you have not had 8 hours of Court System Training, describe substantially similar training or education. Indicate the trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

Juris Doctor, Harvard Law School 1976. Law Clerk, Oregon Court of Appeals, 1976-77. Practice of Law in Oregon 1977-1996. Adjunct Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark and Willamette between 1980 and 2006 teaching disability law, juvenile law and clinical legal skills.

Mediation Experience (Only General Civil Mediator and Probate Mediator applicants complete the next two boxes.)

Describe your observations of 3 actual mediations [in accordance with Section 2.1(2)].

10/1/96, 10/16/96 -- Multnomah Co. Small Claims Court mediations, as part of Mediation Program coordinated by Shannon Stewart

Describe your experience mediating or co-mediating where you were observed by a qualified supervisor in 3 court-connected civil cases [in accordance with Section 2.1(2)] .

between 10/30/96 and 12/16/96 -- Multnomah Co. Small Claims Court mediations, as part of Mediation Program coordinated by Shannon Stewart

Probate Mediators (Only Probate Mediator applicants complete the next box.)

I am applying to be a probate mediator (conservatorship/guardianship, estate disputes, and/or trust matters). I meet the qualifications set forth in SLR 12.045(8).
Please describe how you qualify: (e.g. attorney with five years relevant experience; individual with special skills and training in administration of estates, trusts or protective proceedings; or mediator training)

19 years experience as attorney -- special skills in protective proceedings (as attorney, professor, trainer and mediator) -- and advanced mediator training in probate mediation

I have completed the Multnomah County Probate Department mediation training.

MJN Initials 6/11-6/12/09, 4/29-4/30/10, 5/14-5/15/15 Date of Training

Domestic Relations Mediators (Both Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator and Domestic Relations Financial Mediator applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)

***Education** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)
Enter your Law, Master's, or Doctorate degree in a specific field. [Sections 2.2(1)(a-c) & 2.3(1)] Include the institution's name, dates attended, and degrees awarded.

If you have none of the above, but have a bachelor's degree and 7 years of relevant experience, enter your degree, the institution's name, dates attended, and degrees and date awarded. Then describe your 7 years of relevant experience. [Sections 2.2(1)(d) & 2.3(1)]

***Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator Training**

(verifying certificates or diplomas required) (Minimum required: 40 hours.) [Sections 2.2(2)(b), 2.3(2)(b) & 3.3] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator Experience.

(Only Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator applicants complete this box.)
(Please describe your participation in at least 20 domestic relations cases, with 100 hours supervised or co-mediated with qualified supervisor; minimum 10 cases/50 hours custody and parenting mediation; or at least 2 years full-time experience as described in Section 2.2(3). Include name(s) or supervisor(s) and/or co-mediator(s).)

*** Domestic Relations Financial Mediator Training**

(Only Domestic Relations Financial Mediator applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)
(verifying certificates or diplomas required) (Minimum: 40 hours domestic relations financial issues training) [Sections 2.3(2)(2) & 3.4] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

Domestic Relations Financial Mediator Experience.

(Please describe your participation in at least 20 domestic relations cases, with 100 hours supervised or co-mediated with qualified supervisor; minimum 10 cases/50 hours domestic relations financial mediation; or at least 2 years full-time experience as described in Section 2.3(3). Include name(s) or supervisor(s) and/or co-mediator(s).

Insurance for Domestic Relations Financial Mediators

I certify that I have in effect, and shall maintain during my court-connected mediator listing, malpractice insurance or self-insurance with comparable coverage as required by Section 2.3(7).

Insurance Company

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Other Mediation Training (All applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)

Enter description(s) of specialized or advanced mediation training.

The Mediation Center/James Melamed, Advanced Mediation Skills (1996) and Maximizing Mediation (2000). Mary Forst & Theresa Jensen, Transformative Mediation (1998). Continuing education workshops. Elder Mediation (2007). Ethical Standards for Elder Mediation (2007). Family Dynamics in Elder Mediation (2008). Probate Mediation, trainer (2009, 2010, 2011 & 2015). Elder Financial Abuse Litigation (2011). Adult Sibling Mediation, trainer (2012).

Other Experience

Describe any other relevant experience.

Previous practice of law in Oregon for 19 years. Extensive knowledge of legal issues affecting individuals with disabilities, children and elders.

Describe any special skills or experience you have (e.g. second language proficiency, cultural sophistication, non-mediation related licenses or skills, other relevant education, etc.).

Experience accommodating individuals with disabilities, and working with alternative formats and interpreters.

All Applicants complete the next sections, only as relevant to your practice. Indicate with a checkmark in the boxes below the types of cases you are willing and have experience to mediate. No checkmark will indicate you are not willing to mediate those types of cases. Indicate in the second column the number of that type of case you have mediated. If any explanation is necessary, use the Comments column.

Civil Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Case	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Business/Commercial	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Contract	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Employment	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21	
Small Claims	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	78	
Landlord-Tenant Residential/ Commercial	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	
Real Property	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Tort	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Construction	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Professional Negligence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
General Negligence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	88	Education

Probate Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Cases	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Estate Disputes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	
Trust Matters	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
Guardianships/ Conservatorships	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28	

Domestic Relations Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Case	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Adoption (including open adoption)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	360	on contract with Oregon DHS
Custody	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dissolution	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Domestic Partnership	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Domestic Violence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Filiation/Paternity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Grandparents Disputes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Parenting Time	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Support Disputes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
UCCIA	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

Compensation Information

Describe Fees.

\$200 per hour, and travel at \$50 per hour outside immediate Portland metro

Are you willing to consider pro bono requests?

Yes No

Confluence
Center for
Mediation Training

Certificate of Completion

Meg Nightingale

has completed the 40-hour
Basic Mediation Skills Training
this 6th day of August, 1996.

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