

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.

Faculty

Justin L. Kelsey, Esq., *Skylark Law & Mediation, PC, Southborough*, Chair
Hon. John D. Casey, *Chief Justice, Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Kate Fanger, Esq., *Kate Fanger Mediation, Belmont*
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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

BOSTON

Monday, February 10, 2025
8:30 am–5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
8:30 am–5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
8:30 am–5:00 pm
Thursday, February 13, 2025
8:30 am–3:30 pm
MCLE Conference Center
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street
Program # 2250127P01

Tuition *(includes written materials)*

- \$1,295
- \$1,165.50 MCLE Members
- \$971.25 New Lawyers admitted to law practice within 5 years and Pending Admittees

This limited-enrollment program is not included in the MCLE OnlinePass.

To apply for a need-based scholarship, email scholarships@mcle.org.

Materials

Mediation: A Practice Guide for Mediators, Lawyers, and Other Professionals, plus speaker materials

- E-materials link emailed upon registration
- Complimentary print book for all registrants

Registration notes

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.

CLE Credits

Earn up to 30 CLE credits
Including up to 1 ethics credit