

ELDERCARE MEDIATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

A. BASIC INFORMATION:

LOCATION(S):

"I WILL MEDIATE IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S)":

LIST AT LEAST ONE STATE, AND UP TO 2 ADDITIONAL STATES OR METROPOLITAN AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE FIRST STATE LISTED (MAXIMUM 3).

Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN FLUENTLY:

English

FEES PER HOUR & OTHER FEES (EG. TRAVEL):

\$180/hour in mediation

DO YOU HAVE MEDIATOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE? Yes

B. BACKGROUND:

OVERVIEW OF BACKGROUND

(PRIMARY PROFESSION, ETC. MAXIMUM 50 WORDS):

A full time professional mediator for 12 years. Trainer of mediators for 5 years. A lawyer and business person for 35 years prior to becoming full time mediator. Also, involved in elective office and other public service positions.

GENERAL MEDIATION EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):

In addition to family mediation, a full spectrum of mediation experience including, workplace, business, civil, insurance, environmental, victim / offender, etc. Called upon as mediator in more than 3,000 mediations.

NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES (ANY KIND--MINIMUM 5 TO BE LISTED):

over 300

NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES INVOLVING HIGH-CONFLICT FAMILY MEDIATION:

over 300

ELDERCARE MEDIATION EXPERIENCE: NUMBER OF EM DISPUTES MEDIATED:

5 or More

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE MEDIATED: 15

GERIATRIC EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):

Many mediations have included seniors and senior issues in such matters as health care, housing, divorce, estates, planning, family communications etc.

OTHER

(EG. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILY DECISIONMAKING REGARDING PARENTS, ETC. MAX 30 WORDS):

Lots of personal experience with aging family members.

C. EDUCATION, ASSOCIATIONS, AND LICENSES/MEDIATOR REGISTRIES:

EDUCATIONAL DEGREE(S), MAJOR(S), & INSTITUTION(S):

Universtiy of Iowa School of Law, Juris Doctorate
Marquette University, BA Psychology Philosphy

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: MEDIATION (IF ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION (ACR), INCLUDE WHETHER PRACTITIONER MEMBER), GERIATRIC, THERAPIST, LEGAL, ETC. (MAX 30 WORDS):

Association for Conflict Resolution, Advanced Practitioner Member
Iowa Association for Conflict Resolution, Legislative Liaison
Mediation Services of Eastern Iowa, Board Member/Treasurer

MEDIATOR REGISTRIES/CERTIFICATION/LICENSES (NOTE IF YOU RECEIVED ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS) (MAX 30 WORDS):

Certified Transformative Mediator
Certified Mediator, Iowa Association for Conflict Resolution
Roster Mediator, Sixth Judicial District Family Mediation Program

D. TYPES OF ELDERCARE MEDIATION DISPUTES THAT YOU WILL MEDIATE:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY & CHECK TYPES OF EM DISPUTES THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY MEDIATED:

WILL	HAVE
Car Keys, Driving, Transportation	Quality of Life
Geriatric Assessment	Housing
	Caregiving
	Financial Decisions
	Working through Family Fights
	Wills, Trusts, Estates
	Division or Sale of Farms, Businesses, Property
	Powers of Attorney, Avoiding Guardianship
	Health Care Decisions
	Emergency Decisions
	Planning Ahead for End of Life Decisions
	Resident Injury, level of care, Wrongful Death
	Other (List):
None Listed	None Listed

**E.
MEDIATION TRAINING:**

TRAINING IN BASIC MEDIATION

(MINIMUM 40 HOURS OF GENERAL MEDIATION TRAINING):

NOTE TYPE (FAMILY, CIVIL, COMMUNITY MEDIATION OR OTHER, TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS, TRAINERS)

(MAX 30 WORDS):

Provides 40 Hour Basic Family Mediation Training Approved by ACR
Trained under Carl Schnieder, Zena Zumeta, Dorothy Della Noce, Michael Lang and others

TRAINING RECEIVED IN ELDERCARE MEDIATION:

NOTE TITLES, TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):

TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):

Provides training on domestic violence issues. Trained under Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and others

SUMMARY OF OTHER ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING:

NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):

Continues to train and participate in State and National seminars and workshops

WERE YOU A TRAINER FOR ANY NOTED ABOVE? Yes

IF SO, LIST HOURS:

Over 400 hours

**F.
MODELS AND PROCEDURES USED AS A MEDIATOR:**

MODEL(S) OF MEDIATION USED PRIMARILY:

TRANSFORMATIVE

TYPE(S) OF MEDIATION SESSION USED (NOTE ALL YOU USE, THEN FOR EACH CATEGORY, LIST YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH):

EXPERIENCE	
HIGH	IN-PERSON ONLY
HIGH	IN-PERSON WITH SOME PARTICIPATION BY CONFERENCE CALL
HIGH	MEDIATION BY CONFERENCE CALL

LOW

**ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
(MEDIATION WITH VIDEO COMPONENT)**