

New York State Unified Court System  
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**Supreme Court, Commercial Division**

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<p><b>New York County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorneys admitted for ten (10) years or more with substantial commercial law experience (litigation or transactional) or accountants or business professionals with seven (10) years or more of comparable, relevant professional experience.</li> <li>• 40 hrs of mediation training per Part 146. <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Must agree to serve as Neutral on three cases per year</li> <li>• Program Rules and additional information below: <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/NYCounty/Attachment1.pdf">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/NYCounty/Attachment1.pdf</a></li> <li>• Comply with the commercial division’s Standards of Conduct for Mediators.</li> </ul>	<p>First 4 hours free, thereafter mediators can charge litigants, capped at \$300.00/hr. But see Program Rules regarding compensation when parties and neutral agree otherwise.</p>	<p>Simone Abrams, ADR Program Coordinator. <a href="mailto:sabrams@courts.state.ny.us">sabrams@courts.state.ny.us</a> Telephone: (212) 256-7986 Application available at: <a href="https://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/ny/ADR-Applications-Ns-Page.shtml">https://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/ny/ADR-Applications-Ns-Page.shtml</a></p>
<p><b>Queens County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 hrs of mediation training per Part 146. <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases.</li> <li>• For more information, visit <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>First 3 hours free, thereafter mediator may charge up to \$300/hr. <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/adr_comm_rules.pdf">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/adr_comm_rules.pdf</a></p>	<p>Maria Bradley, Esq. (ADR Program Coordinator) Commercial Division-ADR Program Supreme Court, Queens County 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY 11435 Email: <a href="mailto:mbradley@courts.state.ny.us">mbradley@courts.state.ny.us</a> Telephone: (718) 298-1100 Fax: (718)520-2499 Application available at <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/adrforms/comdiv_mediator_appl.pdf">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/adrforms/comdiv_mediator_appl.pdf</a></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kings County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See New York County, Commercial Division.</li> </ul>	<p>See New York County, Commercial Division</p>	<p>Carl Regelmann, Esq. (law clerk to Justice Demarest) <a href="mailto:cregelma@courts.state.ny.us">cregelma@courts.state.ny.us</a> Telephone: (347) 296-1458</p>

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<p><b>Westchester County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorneys admitted for ten (10) years or more with substantial commercial law experience (litigation or transactional) or accountants or business professionals with seven (7) years or more of comparable, relevant professional experience.</li> <li>• Forty (40) hours of mediation training per Part 146. <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases.</li> <li>• Comply with the Commercial Division’s Standards of Conduct for Mediators.</li> </ul>	<p>First 4 hours free, thereafter mediator can charge litigants, capped at \$300.00/hr. But see Program Rules regarding compensation when parties and neutral agree otherwise.</p>	<p>Send resume and cover letter to</p> <p>Justice Alan Scheinkman Commercial Division, Supreme Court Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. White Plains, NY 10601 Attn: ADR Program Administrator</p> <p>Gretchen Walsh, Esq., (Justice Scheinkman’s law clerk). <a href="mailto:grwalsh@courts.state.ny.us">grwalsh@courts.state.ny.us</a> Telephone: (914) 824-5884 Fax: (212) 884-8939</p>
<p><b>Nassau County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forty (40 hrs) of mediation training</li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases.</li> <li>• See Part 146 at <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>First 4 hours free; thereafter \$300/hour for time spent in mediation, and up to \$150/hour for any additional preparation time beyond initial session. See <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/nassau_ADR_Rules.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/nassau_ADR_Rules.shtml</a></p>	<p>Kathryn Driscoll Hopkins, Esq. Chief Clerk Nassau County Supreme Court 100 Supreme Court Drive Mineola, New York 11501 (516) 493-3401 <a href="mailto:KHOPKINS@courts.state.ny.us">KHOPKINS@courts.state.ny.us</a></p> <p>*Note: Program may not be accepting applications at this time.</p>

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<p><b>Suffolk County, Commercial Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forty (40 hrs) of mediation training</li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases. See <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Application, Resume, and References required. See Program Rules. <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/Suffolk_ADR_Protocols.pdf">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/Suffolk_ADR_Protocols.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>First 3 hours free, thereafter mediator can charge litigants, capped at \$300.00/hr. But see Program Rules regarding compensation when parties and neutral agree otherwise.</p>	<p>For information about the program, call or send an email to Kathryn Coward, Esq. <a href="mailto:kcoward@courts.state.ny.us">kcoward@courts.state.ny.us</a> Telephone: (631) 852-3246 Fax: (631) 852-3247</p> <p>Application located at: <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/Suffolk_ADR_Application.pdf">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/PDFs/Suffolk_ADR_Application.pdf</a></p> <p>Submit to: Suffolk County District Administrative Judge’s Office Helen Ann Miller 400 Carleton Avenue Central Islip, NY 11722 Telephone: (631) 853-7524 Fax: (631) 853-7741</p>

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<p><b>New York County, Matrimonial Mediation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixty (60) hours of family mediation training.</li> <li>• Four (4) years of family mediation experience.</li> <li>• Two hundred and fifty (250) hours of face-to-face mediation.</li> <li>• Twenty (25) custody and visitation mediation cases.</li> <li>• Training and experience with economic aspects of divorce needed to receive referrals on property, income and debt division.</li> <li>• Program Rules located at <a href="http://nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/Matrimonial_Mediation.shtml">http://nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/Matrimonial_Mediation.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>First 90 minutes free, thereafter can charge litigants, capped at \$250/hr.</p>	<p>Program Coordinator Loren Schwartz <a href="mailto:lschwartz@courts.state.ny.us">lschwartz@courts.state.ny.us</a></p> <p>Telephone: (646) 386-3020 Fax: (212) 748-5312 (attn: Loren Schwartz, Matrimonial ADR Programs)</p> <p>*Note: Program is not accepting applications.</p>
<p><b>New York County, Matrimonial Neutral Evaluation Program (“MNEP”)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six (6) hours of approved Neutral Evaluation training.</li> <li>• Lawyers admitted to practice for at least 10 years, with 7 years of substantial matrimonial experience.</li> <li>• Individuals with 10 years of experience as former judge with substantial matrimonial law experience.</li> <li>• Six (6) hours of additional approved training every two (2) years.</li> <li>• See Program Rules at <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/Matrimonial_NEP_menu.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/Matrimonial_NEP_menu.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>First session free of charge.</p>	<p>Program Coordinator Loren Schwartz <a href="mailto:lschwartz@courts.state.ny.us">lschwartz@courts.state.ny.us</a></p> <p>Telephone: (646) 386-3020 Fax: (212) 748-5312 (attn: Loren Schwartz, Matrimonial ADR Programs)</p>
<p><b>Queens County, Matrimonial Mediation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixty (60) hours of family mediation training.</li> <li>• Four (4) years of family mediation experience.</li> <li>• Two hundred and fifty (250) hours of face-to-face mediation.</li> <li>• Twenty (25) custody and visitation mediation cases.</li> <li>• Training and experience with economic aspects of divorce needed to receive referrals on property, income and debt division.</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>First 90 minutes free, thereafter can charge litigants, capped at \$250/hr.</p>	<p>Maria Bradley, Esq. (ADR Program Coordinator) <a href="mailto:mbradley@courts.state.ny.us">mbradley@courts.state.ny.us</a></p> <p>Telephone: (718) 298-1100 Fax: (718) 520-2499 <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/11jd/supreme/civilterm/adr/index.shtml</a></p>

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<b>Kings County, Matrimonial Mediation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses community mediators</li> <li>• Custody and visitation disputes</li> </ul>	Pro bono	NY Peace Institute Tel: (212) 577-1740 ext. 120 -or- Tel: (718) 834-6671
<b>Westchester, Matrimonial Mediation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixty (60) hours of family mediation training.</li> <li>• Four (4) years of family mediation experience.</li> <li>• Two hundred and fifty (250) hours of face-to-face mediation.</li> <li>• Twenty (25) custody and visitation mediation cases.</li> <li>• Training and experience with economic aspects of divorce needed to receive referrals on property, income and debt division.</li> <li>• See program rules located at <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/9jd/Matrimonial.shtml#dMediation">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/9jd/Matrimonial.shtml#dMediation</a></li> </ul>	First 90 minutes free, thereafter mediator can charge litigants, capped at \$300/hr.	James Garfein, Esq. Principal Settlement Coordinator Supreme Court, Civil Branch Westchester County 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. White Plains, NY 10601 Tel: (914) 824-5100 Email: <a href="mailto:jgarfein@courts.state.ny.us">jgarfein@courts.state.ny.us</a>  Application located at: <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/9jd/Matrimonial.shtml#dMediation">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/9jd/Matrimonial.shtml#dMediation</a>
<b>Nassau, Matrimonial Mediation</b>	Mediation Roster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced matrimonial law practitioners (or forensic accountants, child custody evaluators) with forty (40 hrs) of mediation training</li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases. See <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> </ul> Parenting Coordination (“PC”) Roster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forty (40) hour parenting coordination training.</li> </ul>	First hour free, if parties want to continue, mediator may charge a fee subject to cap.  PC: assigned when parties have resources.	Marisa Alleyn Nassau County Matrimonial Center 400 County Seat Drive Mineola, NY 11501 Tel: (516) 493-3461 Email: <a href="mailto:malleyn@courts.state.ny.us">malleyn@courts.state.ny.us</a>  <a href="http://www.courts.state.ny.us/COURTS/10JD/nassau/mat-mediation.shtml">http://www.courts.state.ny.us/COURTS/10JD/nassau/mat-mediation.shtml</a>  *Note: Program is not accepting applications.

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<b>Nassau, Matrimonial Special Master/Neutral Evaluator Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six (6) hours of approved Neutral Evaluation training.</li> <li>• Lawyers admitted for at least 15 years, with 7 years of substantial matrimonial experience.</li> <li>• Individuals with 5 years of experience as a former judge with substantial matrimonial law experience.</li> <li>• Six (6) hours of additional approved training every two (2) years.</li> </ul>	First session free of charge.	Cathy Reidy 400 County Seat Drive Mineola, NY 11501 Tel: 516-493-3424 Email: <a href="mailto:cshrenke@courts.state.ny.us">cshrenke@courts.state.ny.us</a>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suffolk, Matrimonial Mediation</b></p> <p>PROJECT CALM: Civil Alternatives to Litigating in Matrimonials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forty (40) hrs of mediation training, recent experience mediating actual cases, including family matters. See <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Recent experience mediating actual cases may require:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Minimum of 150 hours of mediation, including at least 25 family matters within the last 5 years; or</li> <li>(2) Successful completion of structured family mediation apprenticeship</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Mediators must provide the first 90 minutes free, thereafter mediators may charge up to \$225.00/hr.</p>	<p>Hon. Marion T. McNulty Justice, NYS Supreme Court 400 Carleton Avenue Central Islip, NY 11722 Telephone: (631) 853-4333 Fax: (631) 853-7412</p>

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<b>Nassau County, Supreme Court</b> (Neutral Evaluation-Civil Cases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorneys with at least 5yrs of experience, knowledge and experience dealing with personal injury law, breach of contract, dissolution of business, and general civil matters.</li> <li>• Six (6) hours of training in procedural and ethical issues arising in NE per Part 146.</li> <li>• See: <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> </ul>	Pro bono	Mary Campbell -ADR Administrator Nassau County Supreme Court 100 Supreme Court Drive, Room 186 Mineola, NY 11501 Tel.: (516) 571-2050 Email: <a href="mailto:mcampbel@courts.state.ny.us">mcampbel@courts.state.ny.us</a>

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<p><b>New York City, Family Court Custody/Visitation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need Community Dispute Resolution Center (“CDRC”) or basic mediation training (30 hours) or its equivalent plus:</li> <li>• Custody and Visitation (“CV”) training (12-15 hours) with Family Court orientation or equivalent.</li> <li>• Need substantial experience mediating, preferably custody/visitation cases (min. 20 cases over past 3 years)</li> <li>• Observation and co-mediation required.</li> <li>• Application and interview process to get on panel</li> <li>• Must accept a minimum number of cases – one case/month (12/year).</li> <li>• Mediate in Family Court</li> <li>• Attempt to honor mediator preferences re: courthouse location but must be willing to travel to Bronx, Kings, Queens, NY and Richmond.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid \$50/hour</li> <li>• Subject to cap of \$5,000/year.</li> </ul>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Catherine Friedman, Esq. NYC Family Court Citywide ADR Coordinator <a href="mailto:cfriedma@courts.state.ny.us">cfriedma@courts.state.ny.us</a> Tel: (646) 386-5402</p>
<p><b>Nassau Family Court</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mediation handled on site by court staff, and occasionally in partnership with area law school partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free</li> </ul>	<p>Family Court Judges may refer parties with parenting or support disputes to on-site mediation. For more information on accessing mediation, call 516-571-9438.</p>

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<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Child Permanency Mediation Program</b></p> <p>*Covering Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 hours of mediation training per Part 146, <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Substantial recent experience mediating (e.g., 20 cases over the last 3 years).</li> <li>• Trained individuals who don't meet the experiential requirement may be admitted to the roster as an unpaid apprentice mediator.</li> <li>• To apply, request application from Program Coordinator Sue Shafer, <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></li> </ul>	<p>Consultant Mediators are paid \$75.00 an hour</p>	<p>Sue Shafer, Program Coordinator New York State Unified Court System Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Oneida County Courthouse 200 Elizabeth Street Utica, New York 13501</p> <p>Tel: (315) 266-4256 Email: <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Child Permanency Mediation Program</b></p> <p>* Covering Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otswego, Schuyler Tioga, and Tomkins Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 hours of mediation training per Part 146, <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Substantial recent experience mediating (e.g., 20 cases over the last 3 years).</li> <li>• Trained individuals who do not meet the experiential requirement may be admitted to the roster as an unpaid apprentice mediator.</li> <li>• To apply, request application from Program Coordinator Sue Shafer, <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></li> </ul>	<p>Consultant Mediators are paid \$75.00 an hour</p>	<p>Sue Shafer, Program Coordinator New York State Unified Court System Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Oneida County Courthouse 200 Elizabeth Street Utica, New York 13501</p> <p>Tel: (315) 266-4256 Email: <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Child Permanency Mediation Program</b></p> <p>*Covering Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 hours of mediation training per Part 146, <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/146.shtml</a></li> <li>• Substantial recent experience mediating (e.g., 20 cases over the last 3 years).</li> <li>• Trained individuals who do not meet the experiential requirement may be admitted to the roster as an unpaid apprentice mediator.</li> <li>• To apply, request application from Program Coordinator Sue Shafer, <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></li> </ul>	<p>Consultant Mediators are paid \$75.00 an hour</p>	<p>Sue Shafer, Program Coordinator New York State Unified Court System Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Oneida County Courthouse 200 Elizabeth Street Utica, New York 13501</p> <p>Tel: (315) 266-4256 Email: <a href="mailto:sshafer@courts.state.ny.us">sshafer@courts.state.ny.us</a></p>

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<p><b>Civil Court of the City of New York</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mediators in NYC Civil Court mediate through local CDRCs (or law school mediation clinic programs).</li> <li>• See link below for list of CDRCs: <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/adr/cdrc.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/adr/cdrc.shtml</a></li> </ul>	<p>Pro bono</p>	<p>Local CDRC with presence in local court</p>

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<p><b>Martin P. Violante ADR Program</b></p> <p>(Civil, Commercial, Matrimonial and Family Law Matters)</p> <p>*Covering Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Martin P. Violante ADR Program Protocols and individual court rosters.</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml</a></p>	<p>Consult ADR Program Protocols</p> <p><a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml</a></p>	<p>Each court's ADR Program Administrator appears at the link below.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml">http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/8jd/adr.shtml</a></p>

\*This chart is designed primarily for mediators and other neutrals interested in joining court rosters. It is not a comprehensive list of all ADR options available to the public. To learn more about ADR in the NYS Unified Court System, please visit <http://www.nycourts.gov/adr>