

## **Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois Mediators Association**

Welcome,

The members of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Mediators Association are committed to helping clients find alternatives to litigation. We are particularly focused on helping families avoid litigation involving children and helping their parents find ways to reach agreements which resolve or simplify their differences. As mediators, it is our goal to help parties in dispute to reach agreements, which can save the parties the emotional and financial expense of a trial in court.

There are several kinds of mediation services, some of which are mandated or guided by rules of the Circuit Court. As a result, the majority of mediation services involves the requirement that child-related issues of parental responsibility and parenting time be addressed by mediation before they can be addressed by the court. Our membership supports and complies with all court requirements for an efficient and professional mediation process. Other areas served by mediation include financial mediation for financial issues in dissolution of marriage or family cases, child protection mediation for juvenile court cases, small claims mediation, foreclosure mediation, and general civil dispute mediation.

If you are looking for a mediator, either because the judge has ordered mediation to take place or because you want to use mediation without being ordered to do so, you may want to start with the Directory on this website. You may also want to use the Forms section, which offers links to court-approved forms related to the mediation process. If you are interested in becoming a mediator, you should review the Local Court Rules.

We hope the information helps you to resolve conflicts more quickly, fairly, and durably. Contact us if you have questions.