

Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
McLean County
Court-Certified Mediator Biographies

Karen Anderson, Ed.D.

Dr. Anderson has been an Eleventh Circuit court-approved mediator of parenting and financial issues for thirty-three years. In addition to being an approved mediator in the Eleventh Circuit, she has also mediated Americans with Disabilities Act disputes for the Department of Justice, the return of children who have been abducted by a family member for Child Find, Inc. and wetland disputes for the United States Department of Agriculture, is a Certified High Conflict Divorce Coach, and is a Parenting Coordinator for high conflict parents in McLean County. Dr. Anderson works to accommodate a parent's work schedule by offering daytime through late afternoon / early evening appointments. Her goal is to enable parents to mutually agree upon a parenting plan that takes into consideration the unique nature of each family. She can be reached at (309) 828-2247 or via e-mail at passionarabians@aol.com.

P. Carolina DeLeon-Bond, Attorney at Law

P. Carolina DeLeon-Bond is a licensed attorney and certified mediator who is fluent in Spanish. She obtained her law degree from Southern Illinois University and has been practicing law since 2004. She was a former prosecutor before going into private practice, where she handled a variety of family law cases, and became a Divorce & Custody certified mediator in 2009. She moved to Bloomington-Normal in 2017 and currently works in corporate law matters but has always enjoyed being a part of the mediation process. Prior to law school, she was a probation officer and all of her work experiences to date have helped her develop a strong understanding of the issues families face in divorce or custody proceedings. She believes mediation can be a rewarding experience, as it provides opportunity to help people move forward during difficult times. She has availability to provide mediation in the evenings and/or on Saturdays. She can be reached at (630) 404-2733 or via e-mail at linaleon@msn.com.

Jaime Ganschow, Attorney at Law

Ms. Ganschow is an attorney and mediator in Bloomington, Illinois. Jaime serves families and individuals in the community through mediation in several realms. She is approved by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for family/parenting mediation, small claims mediation and child protection mediation, all of which help parties resolve their disputes outside the sometimes

adversarial environment of the courtroom. Along with her professional experience, Jaime is a parent of three children, and she understands the importance of developing a parenting plan that balances and addresses the unique needs of each child. She can be reached at (309) 310-3648 or via e-mail at jganschow@ganschowlaw.com.

Daniel M. Harrod, Attorney at Law

Daniel Harrod is a retired Command Pilot and Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and Peoria Air Guard. He graduated from J. D. Marshall Law School and has a B.A. from Eureka College. He has been practicing law since 1975 in Woodford County, Illinois. Mr. Harrod is a life-long resident of Eureka, Illinois. He participates and enjoys the Eureka Rotary, American Legion Post #466, Peoria Area Civic Chorale and other civic organizations. Mr. Harrod is approved by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for family/parenting Mediation together with Financial Mediation. Mr. Harrod is in the general practice of law. He also is appointed in various types of cases in Woodford County including criminal, juvenile and mediation. Mr. Harrod has volunteered his time and efforts to the Prairie State Legal Service for pro bono cases and also works with Illinois Lawyer Finder. Mr. Harrod has experience in Illinois trial courts, Illinois appellate courts (Third and Fourth Districts) and with the Supreme Court of Illinois. Mr. Harrod's office is located at 107 E. Eureka Ave, #2, Eureka, Illinois, 61530, and he can be contacted at (309) 467-2381 or via e-mail at dan@danharrodlaw.com. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Eureka.

Mary Ivy, LCSW, SSW

Ms. Ivy is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker ("LCSW"), a licensed School Social Worker ("SSW") and a certified child custody and visitation mediator. She is entering her twenty-seventh year working in the Bloomington/Normal area in the field of education and social service. Her experience includes supervising a clinical team that provides trauma-informed therapeutic counseling services to youth, adolescents, and their families. Ms. Ivy is also experienced providing trauma informed individual and group counseling to clients with emotional, behavioral, and learning disabilities as well as teaching trauma informed parenting skills to families with diverse mental health challenges. Her areas of specialty include mediation, conflict resolution, crisis prevention and intervention, parent education and family support. Ms. Ivy can be reached at (309) 261-4057 or via e-mail at ivymediation@gmail.com.

Jenna Kearns, J.D.

Ms. Kearns is an attorney and mediator from Bloomington, Illinois. She is a graduate of Truman State University and Saint Louis University School of Law. She has been a licensed attorney in Illinois since 2012. She is approved by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for family and financial mediation, but she also has experience in foreclosure, eviction, and small claims mediation. On a limited, first-come first-served basis, she provides her mediation services "pro bono" (without charge) for individuals without the means to pay for mediation services. Jenna can be reached at (309) 310-9622 or via e-mail at kearns.mediation@gmail.com.

Kathleen M. Kraft, Attorney at Law

Ms. Kraft has been assisting families in divorce and parentage matters as a lawyer for over twenty years and as a mediator for more than ten years. She received her mediation training from Northwestern University in 2005. She has been approved by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for both parenting and financial mediation. She is a partner in the law firm of Kraft, Wood & Kelly, LLC. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is a Section Council member of the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section and is active in the McLean County Bar Association. She can be reached at (309) 829-7069.

Becky Leenerman

Ms. Leenerman is currently a Mental Health Professional with experience working with family trauma, grief & loss, and is proficient in providing support in challenging family situations. She obtained her Master's in Counseling from Bradley University in 2012 and added the mediation certification from Northwestern University in 2017. She is eager to help parties work through challenges and will promote agreement in a safe, future focused environment. She can be reached at (309) 825-0634 or via e-mail at weblee22@hotmail.com.

Jeff W. Lindsay, Attorney at Law

Jeff W. Lindsay, a shareholder of the Law Firm of Jeff W. Lindsay, P.C., is a graduate of Illinois State University and DePaul University College of Law. Mr. Lindsay has been approved by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to provide mediation for both parenting and financial matters. He is licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Illinois, and the United States District Courts for the Central and Northern Districts of Illinois. His primary areas of practice include criminal, family, civil, and business law. Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the McLean County Bar Association, Rotary International, and the Sigma

Chi Fraternity. He represents multiple not-for-profit organizations, is a Fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation, and has lectured on Philanthropy and Planned Giving at Yale University, University of New Haven, University of Northern Arizona, University of Missouri, and DePaul University. He can be reached at (309) 827-5426 or via e-mail at info@jeffwlindsay.com. To schedule an initial consultation, please go to www.jeffwlindsay.com.

Ed McKibbin, J.D.

Mr. McKibbin is an attorney who resides in Normal. While previously engaged in the private practice of law, and in his role as the Students' Attorney at Illinois State University, he regularly dealt with family law matters and was trained as a mediator for family law cases in 2014. Mr. McKibbin has also been trained to serve as a mediator for foreclosure cases and coordinates the foreclosure mediation program for McLean County. He can be reached at (309) 242-2982 or via e-mail at mckibbin2004@gmail.com.

Wilma McLaughlin, LCPC

Wilma McLaughlin is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in private practice. In her practice as a mental health professional, Ms. McLaughlin has worked with children, parents, couples and single adults with a focus on improving relationships and personal understanding. Ms. McLaughlin received her Master's Degree in Human Development Counseling from the University of Illinois Springfield, and is trained in EMDR, Theraplay, CBT and the Feeling State Addiction Protocol, and holds a Multi-disciplinary Certificate in Child and Adolescent Mental Health from the University of Illinois. Ms. McLaughlin has been a court-approved mediator in the 11th Judicial Circuit (includes McLean, Logan, Dewitt, Ford, Livingston, and Woodford counties) since 2006. She is located at: Wilma McLaughlin Counseling & Mediation PLLC, 1411 N. Kickapoo, Suite 227, Lincoln, Illinois 62656. To contact Ms. McLaughlin: (309) 838-8634 or via e-mail at wilmamclaughlin56@gmail.com or on Psychology Today website.

Todd C. Miller, Attorney at Law

Mr. Miller is an experienced and respected attorney who has practiced law in the State of Illinois for over 30 years. He moved to Central Illinois from the Chicago area in 1990. His practice has focused on family law. Over the most recent 10 year period his practice has involved an increasing number of mediation and Guardian ad Litem cases. Mr. Miller is known for strong negotiating skills and believes that a well negotiated settlement is preferable to drawn-out litigation. However, he also has extensive courtroom experience in a number of Central Illinois

counties. Mr. Miller is a past member of the Illinois State Bar Association's Law-Related Education for the Public committee. He is also actively involved in the McLean County Bar Association, serving as current Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee and Co-Chair of the Bench/Bar Committee. He also chaired the planning committee for the most recent two day McLean County Guardian ad Litem training. Mr. Miller is also an adjunct professor of Family Law at Illinois State University. He can be reached by phone at (309) 827-8551 or via e-mail at service@ogarmiller.com (please add "Attn: Todd C. Miller" in the subject line).

Kristin Nieminski, Attorney at Law

Kristin's compassion to help others was instilled in her at a very young age and as a child she had the unique experience of watching her uncle advocating in the courtroom and knew that was what she wanted to do as an adult. Kristin's childhood dreams turned into reality. Over the years, Kristin has been very grateful to help those in the areas of Divorce & Family Law, Health Care Law, and Wills & Estate Planning. Ms. Nieminski joined Koth & Gregory in January 2010 and in September 2016 she became a partner in the firm named Koth Gregory & Nieminski. In the area of divorce and family law, Kristin advises and litigates issues involving, but not limited to, property division, custody (significant decision-making), visitation (parenting time), child support, and alimony (maintenance/spousal support). In addition to being a litigator, Kristin is a Child Custody and Visitation (parental responsibilities) Mediator, a Financial Mediator, a Guardian Ad Litem, and an Arbitrator certified by the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois and McLean County Bar Association. Kristin has the unique ability to resolve issues no matter how small or complex using her multiple perspectives from being a litigator, Mediator, Guardian Ad Litem, and Arbitrator. She can be reached at (309) 828-5090 or via e-mail at legal@kgnlawfirm.com.

Kelly Ragen, J.D.

Kelly Ragen, J.D. is a compassionate family dispute mediator offering both in-person and virtual mediations to families in central Illinois. Kelly graduated from UIC Law (formerly known as the John Marshall Law School) in 2014 and worked as a practicing attorney for 7 years before forming Ragen Mediation, LLC. She takes a down-to-earth yet professional approach. Kelly understands her mediation clients know their situations best, and she facilitates an atmosphere that allows her clients to focus on their unique needs. Beyond the 40-hour basic training, Kelly completed an Advanced Family Mediation Training through Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc. This training specifically focused on the nuances of family dispute mediation. Kelly offers a flexible

schedule, including early morning, late evening, and weekend appointments. In-person mediations are conveniently offered at 200 W. Monroe St. in downtown Bloomington. Kelly can be reached at (708) 305-1852, via e-mail at kelly@ragenmediation.com, and through her website at ragenmediation.com.

Honorable Charles Reynard, Circuit Judge (Retired)

Judge Reynard is a retired judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Central Illinois, having served as Circuit Judge from 2002-2016. At the time of his retirement, he was Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the Circuit Court, and he previously presided over major civil cases, as well as criminal felony proceedings. Judge Reynard was a four-term State's Attorney of McLean County, Illinois from 1987-2002. Judge Reynard previously worked as an Assistant Public Defender and criminal defense and family law attorney in private practice for ten years. He continues to serve as faculty for continuing legal education programs for practitioners, and is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Illinois College of Law. He also currently serves on the Children's Justice Task Force for the State of Illinois. His practice is limited to alternative dispute resolution, and he is certified by the court as a mediator and parenting coordinator. He can be reached at (309) 452-4733 or via e-mail at charlesreynard@gmail.com.

Todd Roseberry, Attorney at Law

Mr. Roseberry was admitted to the practice of law in 1998. He has a general law practice with a focus on family law and criminal law matters. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Mr. Roseberry worked as a caseworker with the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and served eight years in the Illinois Army National Guard as an Army Combat Medic and a Medical Laboratory Technician. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Eastern Illinois University (cum laude 1990) and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois (1998). He is trained as a Guardian ad Litem for children and as a Child Representative in family cases, and he frequently serves in these capacities by court appointment. He has been a mediator since 2016. He can be reached at (309) 829-3636 or via e-mail at office@sandrlawoffice.com.

Michelle Rothwell, MSW, LCSW, SSW

Ms. Rothwell has her Master's of Social Work ("MSW"). She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker ("LCSW"), a licensed School Social Worker ("SSW") and a certified child custody and visitation mediator. She has been working with children and families for the last eighteen years. Her areas of specialty include mediation, child welfare, conflict resolution, crisis

intervention, parent/family education and individual and group therapy. She has extensive knowledge of educational services, area schools and community resources available in McLean County, as well as how individuals and family can access those services. She can be reached at (309) 261-7881 or via e-mail at rothwellmediation@gmail.com.

Joe Vaughan, LCSW

Mr. Vaughan is the Executive Director of IHR Counseling Services in Pontiac, Illinois. Mr. Vaughan has been approved as a mediator within the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois since 2009. Mr. Vaughan typically mediates cases from the Livingston County area. Mr. Vaughan also meets with clients from other parts of the Eleventh Circuit. Mr. Vaughan typically meets with each parent individually prior to scheduling a joint session. He can be reached at (815) 844-6109 or via e-mail at vaughan@ihrponitac.com.