
Probate and Family Court Approved ADR Programs

Norfolk

(rev. February 2017)

Pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:18, Uniform Rules on Dispute Resolution, the Probate and Family Court has approved the listed programs to receive referrals from judges and other court staff for ADR services. In order to be approved, programs must: agree to meet the operations standards in Rule 7; agree to ensure that the neutrals on their roster who provide court-connected dispute resolution services meet the qualification standards of Rule 8; and agree to ensure that the neutrals on their roster follow the ethical standards in Rule 9 when providing court-connected dispute resolution services.

While litigants may seek ADR services from programs which are not court-connected, a primary benefit of obtaining services from approved programs is that a recognized threshold of quality has been met and continues to be monitored by these programs which also monitor on-going adherence to the ethical rules. Failure to maintain compliance with SJC Rule 1:18 is a basis for the possible revocation of approval by the Chief Justice.

Rule (6)(b) provides that parties and/or their attorneys may be required to attend a screening session regarding court connected dispute resolution services. As a condition of their approval, the listed programs have agreed to provide screening services without charge.

Agreement Resources, LLC

Contact: Crystal Thorpe

30 Walpole Street

Norwood, MA 02062

Telephone: (617) 621 -7009

Fax: (617) 419-1180

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Fees: Free initial consultation and screening services are provided. Mediation fees are \$300.00 per hour (\$150.00 per party per hour) for divorce and parenting mediation, and \$250.00 to \$350.00 per hour for multi-party adult family mediation. Sliding scale and pro bono services may be available, based on income with consideration given to assets, liabilities, and number of dependents.

Languages: English

ADR Process: Mediation

Community Dispute Settlement Center

Contact: Gail Packer

60 Gore Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

Telephone: (617) 876-5376

Fax: (617) 876- 6663

Web: www.communitydispute.org

Email: cdscinfo@communitydispute.org

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Fees: Sliding scale fees are per person, per session (not per hour), based on individual (or household) gross income, ranging \$ 40.00 to \$ 330.00. Fee waiver may be available.

Languages: English and Spanish

ADR Process: Mediation

Elder Decisions

Contact: Arline Kardasis
30 Walpole Street
Norwood, MA 02062

Telephone: (617) 621-7009

Fax: (617) 419 -1180

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Fees: Mediation services are provided at a rate of up to \$135.00 per party, per hour not to exceed \$250.00 to \$350.00 per hour for multi-party mediation. A sliding scale and pro bono services may be available, based on income with additional consideration given to assets, liabilities and number of dependents.

Languages: English

ADR Process: Mediation

Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation

Contact: Barbara Kellman
Sneider Kellman P.C.

1244 Boylston Street

Suite 200

Chestnut Hill MA 02467

Telephone: (617) 278-1881

Fax: 617 278-1888

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Fees: No fee for on-site mediation services provided at the courthouse. Fees for off-site mediation services varies, ranging from \$190/ to \$450/per hour, according to the hourly fee of the mediator taking the case. Reduced fee or fee waiver may be available.

Language: English

ADR Process: Mediation

Metropolitan Mediation Services

Contact: Joshua Jacks

40 Webster Place

Brookline, MA 02445

Telephone: (617) 241-0300

Fax: (800) 886-0620

Roster: 6/64

Fees: No fees are charged in cases referred from the Court.

Language: English

ADR Process: Mediation

The Mediation Group, Inc.

Contact: Amy Gordon

235 Cypress Street

Brookline, MA 02445

Telephone: (617) 277-9232

Fax: (617) 277- 1699

Roster: 10/21

Fees: For Divorce Mediation, fees are: for co-mediation services are \$450 per hour for a team of two mediators: one lawyer / mediator and one therapist / mediator. The fees for solo-mediation services are \$350 per hour. Fee reduction or waiver may be available.

Language: English and Spanish

ADR Processes: Mediation and Arbitration

MWI

Contact: Josh Hoch

10 Liberty Square - 4th Floor

Boston, MA 02109

Telephone: (617) 895-4028

Fax: (617) 973- 9532

Roster: 101/101

Fees: Divorce mediation is \$175 per hour, per party. Reduced rates are available for families with a combined annual salary of \$90,000 or less. Services may be available regardless of a party's ability to pay.

Languages: English, Spanish and Hebrew

ADR Process: Mediation

Norfolk County Bar Association

Contact: Adrienne Clarke

15 Cottage Avenue.; Suite 206

Quincy, MA 02169

Telephone: (617) 471-9693

Fax: (617) 770- 9948

Roster: 50/50

Fees: \$ 150.00 per party. Sliding scale fee and/or fee waiver may be available.

Language: English

ADR Process: Conciliation

Local Dispute Resolution Coordinator: Michael Barbadoro (781)- 830-1200 Ext. 211

