

In the
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 18S-MS-141



Order Amending Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, the Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution are amended as follows (deletions shown by striking and new text shown by underlining):

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Rule 2.5. Qualifications of Mediators

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(D) Continuing Mediation Education ("CME") Requirements for All Registered Mediators.

A registered mediator must complete a minimum of six hours of Commission approved continuing mediation education anytime during a three-year educational period. A mediator's initial educational period commences January 1 of the first full year of registration and ends December 31 of the third full year. Educational periods shall be sequential, in that once a mediator's particular three-year period terminates, a new three-year period and six hour minimum shall commence. Mediators registered before the effective date of this rule shall begin their first three-year educational period January 1, 2004.

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(F) Accreditation Policies and Procedures for CME.

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(2) Credit will be denied for the following activities:

- (a) Legislative, lobbying or other law-making activities.
- (b) In-house program. The Commission shall not approve programs which it determines are primarily designed for the exclusive benefit of mediators employed by a private organization or mediation firm. Mediators within related companies will be considered to be employed by the same organization or law firm for purposes of this rule. However, governmental entities may sponsor programs for the exclusive benefit of their mediator employees.
- (c) ~~Programs delivered by these methods: satellite, microwave, video, computer, internet, telephone or other electronic methods. To be approved courses must provide a discussion leader or two-way communication, classroom setting away from the mediator's offices, opportunity to ask questions, and must monitor attendance.~~ [Reserved].
- (d) Courses or activities completed by self-study.

(e) Programs directed to elementary, high school or college student level neutrals.

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These amendments shall take effect upon January 1, 2019.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 10/10/2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta H. Rush", written over a horizontal line.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.