

Prospective Mediators

Thank you for your interest in mediating for the 9th Judicial Administrative District Office of Dispute Resolution. As we are sure you are aware our office facilitates court ordered mediation for 14 counties throughout Northeast Georgia. Our office serves every level of court with the majority of the cases coming from the Magistrate and Superior levels.

The first step in the process to be included on the roster of mediators with the 9th District is to become a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. This includes completing an approved training required by the GODR. More information about training programs can be found on the GODR 's website, www.godr.org. Please note that if you are interested in mediating Domestic (Divorce) Cases that you will be required to complete both the General Civil and Domestic Mediation Trainings.

Once you have completed your training and registration, the next step would be to fill out the ADR9 Neutral Application (found at the bottom of this page.). This form provides our office with some general information and areas in which you would like to mediate. You may also submit a resume to provide more information, however this is not required.

The **final steps** to being considered for addition to our roster of mediators is to attend orientation and be observed during a mediation. **Orientation is held sporadically and we intend to have at least one a year. We will inform any applicants of the next orientation as soon as the date is set.** The purpose of the observation is to assess the particular strengths of each mediator so that our office knows how best to use each mediator's skill set. Our office receives many requests each month and observation opportunities are rare. However, if you are able to get a mediation scheduled, if you give our office reasonable notice we will try our best to send someone out to observe you at that point. We understand that this may be burdensome for a new mediator as they will not have as many opportunities to get a mediation scheduled for themselves but our first allegiance must be to the mediators currently on our roster.