

# About the Elder Law Basic Mediation Training

## Course Title:

Basic Mediation Training for Elder Law and Trusts & Estates Attorneys

## About Mediation Training

Individuals seek mediation training for a variety of reasons. Attorneys often become mediators because they recognize that mediation, as compared to litigation, is a more client-centered process: it produces faster, cheaper, and more sustainable results for clients. Mediation also offers attorneys a way to diversify their practice and add to their service portfolio. Some individuals are interested in mediation because they want to join a court roster and practice mediation in the court context, while others seek to volunteer with a local Community Dispute Resolution Center and provide mediation services to their community. This training prepares participants for each of these paths.

Individuals who complete this program and wish to continue their training with a Community Dispute Resolution Center will be qualified to apply directly to any CDRC apprenticeship program in New York State. Acceptance into apprenticeship programs is at the discretion of the individual CDRC.

In addition, this training is approved under Part 146 by the New York State Unified Court System's Office of ADR Programs. Final placement on any court roster is at the discretion of the local Administrative Judge, and participation in a course that is either approved or pending approval does not guarantee placement on a local court roster.

## Key Content

- Enhancing communication and conflict resolution skills.
- Distinguishing between various dispute resolution practices and mediation.
- Examining the core values of mediation and putting them into practice.
- Empowering parties to participate fully in discussion and decision-making.
- Understanding conflict response styles.
- Distinguishing between parties' positions and interests.
- Practicing interest-based negotiation.
- Building trust and communication through active listening.
- Helping parties engage in creative problem solving.
- Assessing balance of power issues between parties.
- Drafting a quality mediation agreement.

## Trainer

**Rebecca Price** is the Mediation Supervisor at the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York. She also directs the Mediation Clinic at Brooklyn Law School. She was a Supervising Attorney in the Mediation Clinic at CUNY School of Law and has taught lawyering/legal writing as an adjunct professor at CUNY School of Law and Cardozo Law School, and is the former Coordinator of the Special Education/Early Intervention and ACCES VR Mediation Programs for Safe Horizon Mediation Program (now the New York Peace Institute). She is an experienced mediator and litigator with an extensive background working with people with disabilities. Before turning her focus to ADR, Rebecca was the Assistant Director of Visual AIDS, created and oversaw the Children's Mental Health Project at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, and was a Senior Attorney in the Special Litigation and Appeals Unit of Mental Hygiene Legal Service. Rebecca is certified as an Initial Mediation Trainer for the Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program of the Unified Court System of the State of New York.

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**Allison Attenello** has expertise in designing, delivering, and evaluating training programs, and developing training curricula. She serves as New York Peace Institute's Training Director and oversees all activities in the Training Center, including providing oversight of the mediator apprenticing and onboarding processes. She is trained in divorce mediation and workplace mediation. Previously, she served in leadership positions at several New York City-based nonprofits and most recently served as the Training Director at a nonprofit organization dedicated to combating commercial sexual exploitation of children. Allison began working on conflict resolution at the University for Peace in Costa Rica where she developed peace building toolkits and supported conflict resolution initiatives in Central Asia and Africa. She holds a B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies and an M.S. in Global Affairs from Rutgers University. Allison is also an adjunct professor at New York University's Center for Global Affairs.

## About New York Peace Institute

This program will be facilitated by New York Peace Institute, one of the nation's largest community dispute resolution centers. Founded in 1981, New York Peace Institute is a nationally recognized training organization in the dispute resolution field. Each year New York Peace Institute trains hundreds of individuals in conflict resolution techniques and helps over 10,000 New Yorkers peacefully resolve their disputes. Learn more at: [www.nypeace.org](http://www.nypeace.org).

## Logistical Information

**Location:** The training will be held at New York Peace Institute's Brooklyn Mediation Center located in the Municipal Building at 210 Joralemon Street, Suite 618, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (between Court Street and Adams Street).

**Getting there:** The nearest subway station is the Borough Hall stop in Brooklyn. The N,R,2,3,4,5 all stop at Borough Hall.

For individuals who are driving, you may be able to find street parking (particularly on the weekend). If you are looking for parking lots there are several in the area – one which is several blocks away on Livingston Avenue and Smith Street is called Edison ParkFast. (888) 727-5327, 160 Livingston St. (Smith Street), Brooklyn, NY 11201. Additional information about parking can be found here: [http://brooklyn.citysearch.com/profile/44655102/brooklyn\\_ny/edison\\_parkfast.html](http://brooklyn.citysearch.com/profile/44655102/brooklyn_ny/edison_parkfast.html).

**CLE Information:** The New York State Bar Association's Meetings Department has been certified by the NYS Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York. Under New York's MCLE rule, this program will provide you with a total of **27.50 CREDIT HOURS**. The breakdown is as follows: 3.0 MCLE Credits in Areas of Ethics and Professionalism, 24.50 in Skills. **THIS PROGRAM IS TRANSITIONAL AND THEREFORE SUITABLE FOR NEWLY ADMITTED ATTORNEYS.**

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