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CONTRACT MEDIATORS WANTED

The Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas is seeking experienced contract mediators for the expanded Civil Mediation Program

HAMILTON COUNTY, OH – The Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas is pleased to announce the expansion of its civil mediation program, ensuring more Civil litigants will have access to experienced mediators. Mediation is a process designed to achieve early, cost-effective, and fair resolution of civil cases. By broadening the pool of qualified mediators, the Court’s civil mediation program will be able to positively impact more lives and improve access to justice.

In order to allow for utilization of contract mediators, the Court updated local Rule 31, which provides the framework for the Court’s civil mediation program. The updated rule provides the Court the ability to recruit and appoint contract mediators, and outlines the qualifications required to be a mediator for the Court. With the adoption of the updated rule, the Court is currently recruiting experienced mediators to join the program. **The Court will be holding information sessions for interested mediators in early August.**

Information sessions will be held as follows:

- Thursday, August 6, 2026, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County Courthouse, Room 455
- Friday, August 7, 2026, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

The expansion of the civil mediation program not only helps litigants, but also improves the efficiency and expediency of the Court. Successful early mediation outcomes help clear trial court dockets and reduce court expenses. By having a robust pool of mediators, more cases can be referred to mediation, reducing Judicial caseloads and decreasing costs for everyone involved.

“The Court is very excited about the expansion of our mediation services. By adding contract mediators to our team, we create more opportunities to achieve successful and timely resolutions outside of a trial. Our new contract mediator program makes mediation more accessible and helps spare parties the stress and expense of litigation,” said Common Pleas Administrative & Presiding Judge Alison Hatheway.

Under the local rule, qualified contract mediators will be appointed by the Court and receive compensation from the Court. Additional information on the Court’s mediation program can be found on the Court’s website. Those interested in applying to be a contract mediator for the

Court are encouraged to RSVP to one of the upcoming information sessions. Registration information can be found here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/gg9vnwu>.

Mission Statement

“As an equal and independent branch of government, the Judges of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, acting with integrity, shall provide a safe, accessible, transparent, efficient, and impartial system of justice by fairly resolving disputes, respecting the public interest, and preserving individual rights while maintaining the rule of law.”