

Mediating with Military Families

Presenter Bios

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In order of presentation:

Tonya Ricklefs, M.S.W., Ph.D.

Dr. Ricklefs graduated from Washburn University with a B.A.S. in Human Services. She then worked eight years for the Kansas National Guard working with military families. When she decided to leave and finish her Master's degree in Social work, she had achieved the position of State Family Program Director. After completing her M.S.W., she was accepted at Kansas State University in the Family Studies Ph.D. program where she completed her Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution and achieved state-approved mediator status. She has subject knowledge of Veterans and Military Family Issues, Case Management, Family Preservation, Medical Issues, Elder Mediation, and Family Life Education.

Aline Cole Barrett, M.A., J.D.

Ms. Barrett is an approved Kansas attorney/mediator in Civil/Core, Parent/Adolescent, and Domestic Mediation, is certified in Elder and Workplace Mediation, and is a trained Parent Coordinator, Case Manager, and Conciliator. She has a broad spectrum of experience in family law, social services, and mental health, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and child/adolescent development and behavior. She earned a B.S. in Occupational Therapy from Tufts University; an M.A. in Leadership/Human Administration from Bradley University; and a Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law. She is in private mediation and conciliation practice with Kansas Mediation Concepts and also provides domestic mediation services with the Douglas County and Riley/Geary Counties domestic mediation programs. She has substantial experience working with high conflict families, including parents, young children, adolescents, and grandparents.

Susie Massoth, M.D.

Dr. Massoth, a psychiatrist, trained and worked at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, for 14 years. She then worked for 12 years at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Topeka. During that time, she treated many people with posttraumatic stress disorder and has been involved with continued research concerning new and improved treatment and understanding of the disorder.

Carolyn Tolliver-Lee, M.Ed., M.S.

Ms. Tolliver-Lee is an experienced Family Advocacy Specialist at Fort Riley, Kansas, where she works to provide prevention and intervention services for Military Families who are affected by violence and abuse. She received her graduate degrees in Organizational Leadership and Adult Education from Northcentral University, and an additional graduate degree in Family Life Education from Kansas State University, where she also completed a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution. She is currently also an associate professor at Cloud Community College and is an active advocate for disabled veterans, including her husband.

Art Thompson

Mr. Thompson primarily conducts domestic and work place mediation. His domestic experience started in 1986 when he was trained by the Center for Dispute Resolution. His work place mediation started in 1998 while employed by the Kansas Bar Association. Art has also conducted civil, victim/offender and landlord/tenant case. He was in charge of setting up dispute resolution programs for the Kansas Supreme Court for fifteen years.