



1-4:30pm February 15, 2019
Topeka Public Library
1515 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66604

Part 1: An Educational Review of the Proposed Supreme Court ADR Rules

1:00-2:30pm

Join the Heartland Mediators Association's Board of Directors as we conduct a section by section, page by page overview of the proposed Supreme Court ADR rules followed by a panel discussion made up of volunteers that serve on the Office of Judicial Review's task force. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own copy of the proposed rules for their reference, available on the link below or on the HMA web site:

http://www.kscourts.org/rules/Rules_Open_for_Public_Comment/Proposed_Rules_905-922_and_Amended_Rule_1501.pdf

2:30-3:00pm Break

Part 2: Steps To Start A Mediation Program

3:00-4:00pm

The potential of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) exists in many forms throughout the State of Kansas. Join HMA's panel of professionals as they outline step by step the mediation program they helped to create. The program will be followed by a question/answer period to address your specific needs. Presenters include:

RONNIE BEACH of the Johnson County Small Claims Mediation Program, **KATY NITCHER** and **TRACY MACKEPRANG** of the Douglas County Domestic Mediation Services, plus **MINDY MANES**, Principal **DIANE BEITZ**, and **several students** with Fairfax Learning Center, Kansas City, KS. The presenters will demonstrate the need for their programs and will share how the programs were created.

4:00-4:30pm

PANEL DISCUSSION – Ronnie Beach, Katy Nitcher, Tracy Mackeprang, Mindy Manes, and Diane Beitz will be joined by **Anne Zimmerman** of the Salina Institute for Restorative Justice, to address questions to better understand their programs and how lessons learned can apply to your neighborhood.

Time frame for training below

1:00pm to 2:30pm - 90 minutes - Educational review of proposed ADR rules

2:30pm to 3:00pm – Break

3:00pm—4:00pm – 60 minutes - Johnson County Douglas County Program Presentation

4:00pm – 4:30pm –30 minutes - Panel Discussion

Total 180 minutes of training divided by 50 minute CME hours = 3.6 CME hours

Starts at 1pm and ends at 4:30pm

PRESENTERS:

Ronnie Beach is the owner of Conflict Resolution Services, Inc., an entity specializing in dealing with high conflict family disputes. He provides mediation, parent coordination and a variety of other related services. As a certified School Psychologist in Missouri and Kansas he also serves as a special education mediator. He teaches graduate and undergraduate classes of Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Conflict Management. Ronnie is Past President of Heartland Mediators Association (HMA) and the Association of Missouri Mediators (AMM).

Katy Nitcher is a graduate of Washburn Law School and has served as the Douglas County District Court Trustee since 2003. She has helped her office and the court adapt to the needs of the increasing population of pro se litigants in domestic cases.

Mindy Manes is the Restorative Justice Facilitator and **Diana Beitz** is the school principal at Fairfax Learning Center, an inner-city alternative high school which boasts a 92% graduation rate despite its location in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas' gang territory.

Ann Zimmerman is an attorney and state-approved mediator with an Elementary Education degree from KSU, Manhattan, and a law degree from Harvard. She began mediating in 1988 and has mediated domestic, victim-offender, parent-adolescent, church congregation, public controversies, higher education, probate/estate and workplace issues and currently serves on the steering committee for SIRJ and is an elected member of the Salina school board. Ann also performs about 100 times a year as a professional singer-songwriter, and, with her husband, runs a horse boarding stable near Salina, her hometown.