

**MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 113

P.O. Box 4988

San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

**Application to Serve as Volunteer Settlement Conference Panelist  
for  Civil  Family Law**

Attorney  Mental Health Professional

**1. Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CA Professional Lic. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Work No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Home No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Professional and Personal Qualifications**

Date of admission to the State Bar of California or date of Ph.D., MFT or LCSW licensure: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a party to any pending criminal, civil, small claims, family law or probate proceeding in this court?

Yes  No (If you answered yes, please explain in a separate attachment.)

If applying as a Civil Settlement Conference Panelist, have you met the qualifications described in California Rule of Court 10.781 for court-related ADR neutrals?  Yes  No

**3. Practical Experience**

Business (Commercial/Contract)	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Medical Malpractice	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Family Law	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Personal Injury	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Labor - Employment	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Probate	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Legal Malpractice	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Real Estate	_____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other: _____					

**PLEASE SEE GUIDELINES ON PAGE 2**

I understand and acknowledge that serving as a volunteer settlement conference panelist is solely at the discretion of the court for the purpose of assisting the public and does not constitute an employment relationship. I am aware of and will comply with all provisions of the California Rules of Court concerning court related ADR neutrals.

If I am, or the firm/practice group in which I am an equity partner is, a party to any pending or impending litigation in the court, I understand that I cannot serve as a volunteer settlement conference panelist until such cases have been disposed. If asked to serve as a volunteer settlement conference panelist while I have cases pending, I agree to decline the appointment and notify the court. This does not apply to instances where I represent or am treating parties with pending or impending actions before the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing, including statements made in all attachments, is true and correct. I understand that any misstatement or omission of material fact may disqualify me from serving as a volunteer family law settlement conference panelist in this court.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

## **QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING AS A FAMILY LAW SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PANELIST**

**Attorneys:** The court suggests that participants have the following knowledge, experience or training:

- Experience in litigation and/or the settlement of custody cases through mediation or the collaborative process, involving a significant number of high conflict custody disputes
- Domestic Violence and the differentiation of types of domestic violence
- Child Abuse, Alcohol and Substance abuse
- Appointments as Minor's Counsel
- Age-appropriate parenting arrangements for divorced families
- Impact of entrenched parental conflict on child adjustment
- Impact of step-parents and blended families on parenting relationships

**Mental Health Professionals:** The court suggests that participants have the following knowledge, experience or training:

- Mental Health Professional licensed in California
- Experience working with divorcing families, as well as experience in providing services to parents and children in high conflict families
- Mediation/collaborative training and/or experience and negotiation skills
- Basic knowledge of Family Law and the Family Law Court system
- Familiarity with domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse and potential impact on appropriate post-divorce arrangements
- Familiarity with research on impact of divorce on children and families
- The range of age-appropriate time-share and parenting arrangements for divorced families
- Impact of separation and divorce on parents, children, parent-child relationships and quality of parenting and family dynamics
- Indicators of child abuse and neglect and knowledge of related reporting laws