



QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE MEDIATION VOLUNTEER PANEL

Acceptance to the Mediation Volunteer Panel (MVP) is based on the needs of the Court and is not guaranteed. Application review will take place on a rolling basis and includes qualifying evaluation of education, training, and experience. Candidates also may be invited to participate in a one-way video interview using an online platform.

ATTORNEY APPLICANTS

1. Training: Completion of a minimum of 25 hours of comprehensive classroom and practical mediation training in the areas that meet [California's Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986](#) grantee guidelines (California Code of Regulations, title 16, division 36, article 3, section 3622), including:
 - o Minimum of 10 hours lecture and discussion; and
 - o Minimum of 10 hours of practical training.
2. Experience: Completion of a minimum of two mediations, each at least two hours in length, within the past three years. Mediations may be litigated cases or community-based cases.
3. Proof of membership in good standing with the State Bar of California.
4. Commitment to prepare for and conduct a minimum of two pro bono mediations, up to three hours in length and held virtually, in a 12-month period for the Mediation Volunteer Panel. Or, if receiving Court-sponsored training, commitment to prepare for and conduct a minimum of eight pro bono mediations, up to three hours in length, held virtually in a 24-month period.
5. Continuing Education: Commitment to complete at least seven hours of continuing education or training on mediation topics every two years with at least one hour on mediator ethics.

Appointment to the MVP shall be for a term of two years. The term may be renewed at the discretion of the Court and with the consent and renewal application of the mediator.

Mediators must comply with the Rules of Conduct for Mediators in Court-Connected Mediation Programs for Civil Cases (California Rules of Court, rules 3.850-3.860).

The Court has absolute discretion to determine the mediators it will include or remove from the MVP. Inclusion on the Court's MVP is a privilege that is revocable and confers no vested right on the mediator. (California Rules of Court, rule 10.781(d)).

APPLICANTS WITH COURT-CONNECTED MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Applicants who are currently serving on another court-connected panel, retired judicial officers, or others as identified by the Court, will be given priority review and may be exempt from training and experience requirements or steps in the formal application process at the discretion of the Court.



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STEPS FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

- Complete the **Application for Appointment to Los Angeles Superior Court's Mediation Volunteer Panel (form LASC CIV 307)** and submit it via email to MediationPanel@lacourt.org. The application should clearly demonstrate the applicant's training, experience, and interest in joining the Mediation Volunteer Panel. Information from the application will be used to populate publicly available profiles for mediators selected to serve on the panel, including name, phone number, email address, areas of expertise, and mediator's hourly compensation rate.
- Submit certification showing completion of required mediation training.
- Ensure proof of membership in good standing with the State Bar of California.
- Agree to prepare for and conduct a minimum of two pro bono mediations, up to three hours in length and held virtually, in a 12-month period for the Mediation Volunteer Panel. Or, if receiving Court-sponsored training, agree to prepare for and conduct a minimum of eight pro bono mediations, up to three hours in length, and held virtually, in a 24-month period.
- Agree to complete at least seven hours of continuing mediation education or training on mediation topics every two years with at least one hour on mediator ethics.
- Participate in a one-way video interview using an online platform. Candidates will receive an email with additional instructions for the interview upon review of the application.
- If selected, participate in an orientation for the Mediation Volunteer Panel hosted by the Court.

For more information, please visit www.lacourt.org/ADR, or contact the Court's ADR Office at 213-830-0458 or MediationPanel@lacourt.org.