

Orphans' Court for Baltimore City
Chief Judge Joyce M. Baylor-Thompson
311 Courthouse East
111 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-396-5034

Dear Mediator:

As you may already know, the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City is implementing a pilot mediation program to better assist the people who come before the Orphans' Court in resolving their disputes. Through this program, we hope to create a more efficient Court as well as preserve the relationships of the families who come before the Orphans' Court and give them a stronger, more complete resolution of their disputes. Our mediation program will become a model for other Orphans' Courts in Maryland.

We are building a base of mediators who will accept court referrals, and we expect to begin referring cases to mediation in late Spring 2004. Therefore, we are offering an 8-hour advanced course in probate for experienced mediators. The goal of this course is to provide experienced mediators with the probate experience necessary to mediate in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City. The course will be held on April 21, 2004, at the Mt. Washington office of Piper Rudnick, LLP, and is offered to you at a reduced rate of \$50.

If you would like to attend this course, please complete the application and return it to the Orphans' Court at the address on the form. Space is limited, so please send your application to us by April 7, 2004. I thank you for your interest in mediating in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City and participating in this exciting program, the first of its kind for Orphans' Courts in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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Application to Mediate in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City

You must be a trained mediator and conversant in estates, trusts, and probate to mediate in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City. Please complete the following so that the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City may assess your qualifications. Courses in Mediation and Advanced Mediation for Estates, Trusts, and Probate courses are offered, and these courses provide the qualifications necessary to mediate in the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City.

Name: _____

Firm or Business: _____

Street Address of Firm or Business: _____

City: State: ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ email address: _____

Please complete the following:

1. Have you completed the 40-hour course in mediation training? Yes No
2. How many years of experience in the practice of estates, trusts, and probate do you have? _____
3. Have you mediated cases before? Yes No If yes, how many and in what years? _____

4. Have you mediated cases involving estates, trusts, and probate? Yes No
If yes, how many _____ and what types? _____
5. Have you taken the advanced course in probate offered through either the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City and/or MICPEL? Yes No If no:
 o **Please consider my application for the April 21, 2004 Advanced Course in Probate.**

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature

Date

By completing this application, you agree to accept a reasonable number of referrals on a reduced fee or pro bono basis upon request by the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City. Being listed as a mediator does not guarantee that you will receive any case referrals from the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City nor does it establish court employee status for mediators.

Please mail to: The Orphans' Court for Baltimore City, Mediation Program, 311 Courthouse East, 111 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.