

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
Fourth Judicial District**

Court-Connected Mediator Application Form

Qualifications for mediators are based upon the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications Rules, issued as Chief Justice Order (CJO) No. 05-028, effective August 1, 2005.

For more information regarding the CJO go to:

http://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/programs-services/Documents/Mediation_CJO_05028.pdf

Guidelines for Mediator Applicants can be found at:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/programs-services/Documents/Mediation_GuidelinesForMediatorApplicants.pdf

Instructions for submitting the completed form are at the bottom of the last page of this form.

Please note: Approved applications will appear on the court website as public information.

General Information

Applicant's Last Name: Merrill

First Name, Middle Initial: Meg

Title: _____

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Portland, Oregon 97280

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Website: MegMerrillMediation.com

I Am Applying To Be A:

General Civil Mediator

Yes

No

Probate Mediator

Yes

No

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator

Yes

No

Domestic Relations Financial Mediator

Yes

No

I adhere to the following organization's code(s) of professional ethics (e.g. OMA, OSB, ACR, AAA, etc.):

Oregon Mediation Association

I certify that I include in my opening remarks to the parties the required information specified in Section 1.4(3) of the CJO. MM (Initials)

Current Employment Information

Meg Merrill Mediation (private practice)

Professional Memberships

Oregon Mediation Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

It is required that you attach diplomas, certificates, or other forms of verification for the sections of the application below that contain an asterisk.

*** Basic Mediation Training** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)

Basic Mediation Training (Minimum required: 30 hours) [Sections 2.1(1)(a), 2.2(2)(a), 2.3(2)(a), & 3.2] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates. If you have not had Basic Mediation Training, describe substantially similar training or education. (Please note that experience as a mediator does not constitute “training.”)

Basic Mediation Training, Resolutions NW. Completed February 2018, 39 hours.
Trainers: Sidney Morgan, Theresa Logan, Carlos Windham, Sandy Bacharach, Stuart Watson, and Renee Bove.

*** Court System Training** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)

Describe your court system training. (Minimum required: 8 hours) [Sections 2.1(1)(b), 2.2(2)(c), 2.3(2)(d), & 3.5] Indicate the description, trainers(s), number of hours, and dates.

Court Systems Training, Multnomah County Small Claims Mediation Program.
November-December 2018, 8 hours. Trainer: Kathy Scott.

If you have not had 8 hours of Court System Training, describe substantially similar training or education. Indicate the trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

Mediation Experience (Only General Civil Mediator and Probate Mediator applicants complete the next two boxes.)

Describe your observations of 3 actual mediations [in accordance with Section 2.1(2)].

Describe your experience mediating or co-mediating where you were observed by a qualified supervisor in 3 court-connected civil cases [in accordance with Section 2.1(2)] .

Probate Mediators (Only Probate Mediator applicants complete the next box.)

I am applying to be a probate mediator (conservatorship/guardianship, estate disputes, and/or trust matters). I meet the qualifications set forth in SLR 12.045(8).

Please describe how you qualify: (e.g. attorney with five years relevant experience; individual with special skills and training in administration of estates, trusts or protective proceedings; or mediator training)

n/a

I have completed the Multnomah County Probate Department mediation training.

_____ **Initials** _____ **Date of Training**

Domestic Relations Mediators (Both Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator and Domestic Relations Financial Mediator applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)

***Education** (verifying certificates or diplomas required)

Enter your Law, Master's, or Doctorate degree in a specific field. [Sections 2.2(1)(a-c) & 2.3(1)] Include the institution's name, dates attended, and degrees awarded.

Masters of Social Work, Portland State University, 1991-1994.

If you have none of the above, but have a bachelor's degree and 7 years of relevant experience, enter your degree, the institution's name, dates attended, and degrees and date awarded. Then describe your 7 years of relevant experience. [Sections 2.2(1)(d) & 2.3(1)]

***Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator Training**

(verifying certificates or diplomas required) (Minimum required: 40 hours.) [Sections 2.2(2)(b), 2.3(2)(b) & 3.3] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator Training, Multnomah County Family Court Services. March 2020 and July 2020; 40 hours. Trainers: Alison Taylor, Laura Bisbee, Vicki Bruno, Jennifer Price, and Tracy Vogelanz.

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator Experience.

(Only Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediator applicants complete this box.)

(Please describe your participation in at least 20 domestic relations cases, with 100 hours supervised or co-mediated with qualified supervisor; minimum 10 cases/50 hours custody and parenting mediation; or at least 2 years full-time experience as described in Section 2.2(3). Include name(s) or supervisor(s) and/or co-mediator(s).

Family Court Services, Multnomah County - I mediated over 30 Domestic Relations/ Custody & Parenting Plan cases, including 50 hours co-mediating and more than 50 hours solo mediating. Many cases included mental health and substance use disorder issues and/or domestic violence; all cases were co-mediated, debriefed or supervised by Laura Bisbee, Vicki Bruno, Jennifer Price, Erika Moore, Clifford Leonardi and/or Tracy Vogelanz.

*** Domestic Relations Financial Mediator Training**

(Only Domestic Relations Financial Mediator applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)

(verifying certificates or diplomas required) (Minimum: 40 hours domestic relations financial issues training) [Sections 2.3(2)(2) & 3.4] Indicate the description, trainer(s), number of hours, and dates.

n/a for now

Domestic Relations Financial Mediator Experience.

(Please describe your participation in at least 20 domestic relations cases, with 100 hours supervised or co-mediated with qualified supervisor; minimum 10 cases/50 hours domestic relations financial mediation; or at least 2 years full-time experience as described in Section 2.3(3). Include name(s) or supervisor(s) and/or co-mediator(s).

n/a for now

Insurance for Domestic Relations Financial Mediators

I certify that I have in effect, and shall maintain during my court-connected mediator listing, malpractice insurance or self-insurance with comparable coverage as required by Section 2.3(7).

n/a

Initials

Insurance Company

Other Mediation Training (All applicants complete the next 3 boxes.)

Enter description(s) of specialized or advanced mediation training.

Upcoming scheduled trainings: Adoption Mediation (40 hours) and Domestic Violence Cases in Mediation (20 hours).

Other Experience

Describe any other relevant experience.

Volunteer Mediator, Multnomah County Small Claims Department
Volunteer Mediator, Multnomah County Family Court Services

Describe any special skills or experience you have (e.g. second language proficiency, cultural sophistication, non-mediation related licenses or skills, other relevant education, etc.).

Director of a national research project for young parents in Portland; Adoption Social Worker specializing in families with substance use and mental health disorders, older child and sibling-group adoption and adoption disruption; regular workshop speaker on

All Applicants complete the next sections, only as relevant to your practice.

Indicate with a checkmark in the boxes below the types of cases you are willing and have experience to mediate. No checkmark will indicate you are not willing to mediate those types of cases. Indicate in the second column the number of that type of case you have mediated. If any explanation is necessary, use the Comments column.

Civil Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Case	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Business/Commercial	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Contract	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Employment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Small Claims	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35	
Landlord-Tenant Residential/Commercial	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8+	
Real Property	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Tort	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Construction	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Professional Negligence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
General Negligence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

Probate Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Cases	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Estate Disputes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Trust Matters	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Guardianships/Conservatorships	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

Domestic Relations Types of Cases Mediated

Type of Case	Mediate?	No of Cases	Comments
Adoption (including open adoption)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Custody	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20+	
Dissolution	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Domestic Partnership	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Domestic Violence	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10+	
Filiation/Paternity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Grandparents Disputes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
Parenting Time	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30+	
Support Disputes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2+	
UCCIA	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

Compensation Information

Describe Fees.

\$180/ hour. Sliding scale available.


Are you willing to consider pro bono requests?

Yes No

Oath

I hereby certify that I have reviewed and, if selected, will comply with the Oregon Revised Statutes, Uniform Trial Court Rules, and Supplemental Local Rules for Multnomah County that pertain to civil case mediation. I affirm that I have reviewed the August 2005, Chief Justice Order No. 05-028, describing the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications Rules and that the above information is a true and accurate reflection of my qualifications as a mediator as outlined in that CJO. I acknowledge that my information may be verified, and that any references and/or programs listed above may be contacted. I expressly approve such investigation, and consent to the release of information about me from any relevant source. I agree to fulfill the continuing education requirement for court-connected mediators [Section 2.1(3), 2.2(4), 2.3(4), & 3.6] and all other requirements specified in the CJO. I will keep the court informed of any changes in my contact information, license status, or qualifications to be listed as a mediator.

Signature

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "mell".

Date

4/12/2021

Sign with an electronic signature per UTCR 21.090(2)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMPLETED FORM

After the form has been completed, click the button bellow to e-mail this PDF form to the court.

If you don't have the ability to e-mail using the button below, you will need to save the PDF to your computer, then e-mail it manually as an attachment to:

mediation.coordinator@ojd.state.or.us

Click Here

Retain a copy for your records if you desire. Having this form saved to your computer will expedite your ability to update information as required by the CJO.

Questions? Call the mediation coordinator at 503-988-3318 or e-mail mediation.coordinator@ojd.state.or.us

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Certificate of Completion
Equity-Informed Mediation Training

is awarded to

Meg Merrill

for successful completion of 39-hour training which meets the basic mediation curriculum standard of the Administrative Rules for Community Dispute Resolution program.

This training included the following topics: Conflict Styles, Active Listening and Empathy Skills, Identifying Interests and Positions, Case Development, Mediation Stages and Ethics, Racial Equity Approaches, Interrupting Racism, Dealing with Difficult Behavior, Separate Meetings and Developing Agreements.

Stuart Watson

Mediation Program Coordinator: Stuart Watson

2/17/18

Date

Oregon Judicial Department

Multnomah County Circuit Court Small Claims Mediation Program

hereby certifies that

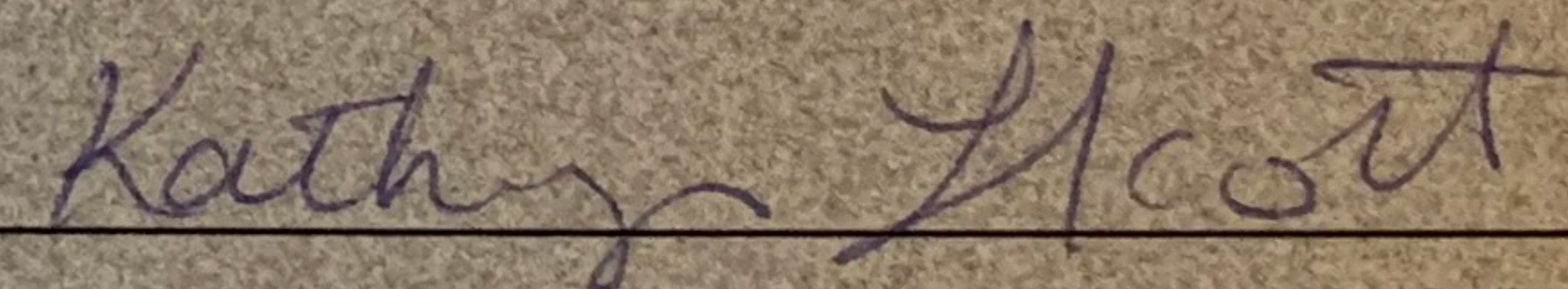
Meg Merrill

has successfully completed the 8 hour orientation and court systems training to serve as a volunteer mediator for the Multnomah County Circuit Court Small Claims Mediation Program.

December 14, 2018

Portland, Oregon

With gratitude,



Kathryn L. Scott, Mediation Program Coordinator

CERTIFICATE *of* ACHIEVEMENT

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

Meg Merrill

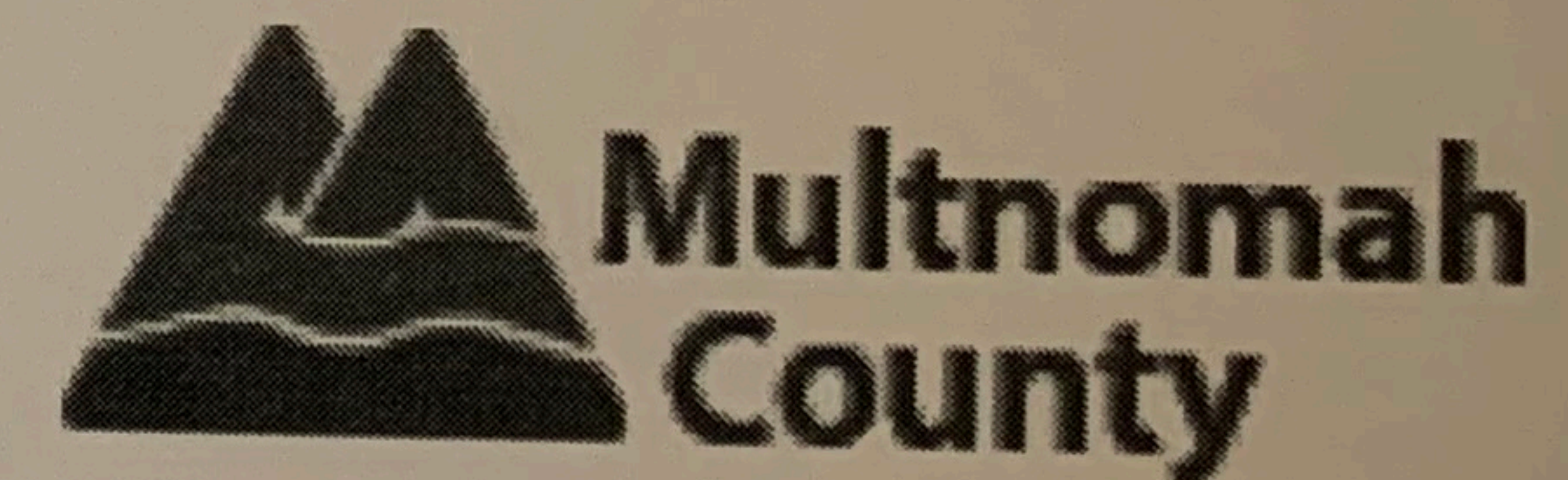
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE

Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting Mediation Training

40 hour course as set forth in Chief Justice Order 05-028 for Court Connected Mediators.

**JULY
2020**

Laura Bisbee, LCSW



Family Court Services Program Manager