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Hands-on skill development in divorce practice for mediators

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Divorce Mediation Training

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This 24 hour course is designed for mediators who are interested in the practice of divorce mediation. The training integrates substantive information with practice through interactive role play experience. **Prerequisite:** 30-hour Basic Mediation Training.

Friday, May 1, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Gail Packer, Jeanne Cleary,
Israella Adah Brill-Cass

Wednesday, May 6, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Faculty: David Hoffman, Robert Smith

Thursday, May 7, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Michael Leshin, Justin Kelsey,
Joyce Kauffman

Friday, May 8, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Brad Honoroff, Jane Honoroff,
Hon. Maureen Monks*

I. Overview of Divorce & Parenting Issues

The complexity of divorce: legal and psychological aspects. Co-parenting plans and their impact on the children. Relevant Massachusetts law.

II. Child Support & Related Financial Issues

Child support guidelines and related financial issues. Introducing and managing legal and financial planning choices in the mediation session.

III. Alimony & Property Division plus Same Sex & Unmarried Couples

Review of statute, case law, and practice regarding spousal support and the equitable division of the marital estate, including new alimony statute. In addition, mediation for same sex and unmarried couples. Impact of Goodridge and Windsor cases.

IV. Reaching Closure

Drafting final product. Challenging issues.

Ethical and practice dilemmas.

*A Judge's View from the Bench

Where: CDSC's offices, 60 Gore Street, East Cambridge
(near Lechmere T, Galleria, courthouses)

Cost: \$695 (\$675 if registration received by April 4th)
\$595 for Volunteers with other Community Mediation Centers
\$400 for CDSC Volunteers

Enrollment: Limited to 24. Enroll early!
Registrants who cancel before April 17th will receive a full refund.
Later cancellations will be refunded only if space is filled.

For information contact CDSC:

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About the Distinguished Faculty:

Israella Brill-Cass is Executive Director and ADR Program Manager of Boston Law Collaborative. An attorney (since 1993) and mediator (since 1998), Israella teaches mediation, conflict and negotiation at Emerson College. Member, Trial Court's ADR Standing Committee; Faculty, MCLE family law mediation course.

Jeanne Cleary is a psychotherapist and mediator in private practice with over 25 years of clinical and court-based experience with families in the process of divorce.

David Hoffman, founder of the Boston Law Collaborative, LLC, practices family law and serves as a mediator and arbitrator. He teaches mediation at Harvard Law School and is the author of *Mediation: A Practice Guide for Mediators, Lawyers, and Other Professionals*.

Joyce Kauffman, attorney, specializes in family law, co-parent adoption, and mediation, with a focus on lesbian and gay families. Joyce is on the Board of Directors of Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and National Family Law Advisory Council of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR).

Justin L. Kelsey is a Collaborative Divorce Attorney and Mediator in Framingham, MA. Justin is on the Board of Directors of MA Collaborative Law Council and MA Council of Family Mediation and on the Family Law Steering Committee of the Boston Bar Association.

Michael L. Leshin is a partner with the law firm of Ginsburg Leshin Gibbs & Jones, LLP where he specializes in family law and mediation. He is author of the MCLE annual publication, *Massachusetts Family Law Sourcebook*, and a CDSC Board Member.

Hon. Maureen Monks is an Associate Justice in the Probate and Family Court, Middlesex Division.

Gail S. Packer, MSW, Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center, has been at the helm of the Center's mediation and training services since 1988.

Robert Smith is currently a professor at Suffolk University Law School and has taught mediation courses at Suffolk and Boston College Law Schools for over 20 years.

Registration form

Please attach a brief paragraph about your background and interest in divorce mediation. Thank you.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: day _____ eve. _____
E-mail: _____
Professional Affiliation: _____
Prior Mediation/Training Experience: _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Payment by credit card: _____ MC _____ Visa _____
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