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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.

Thursday, May 1, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Gail Packer, Jeanne Cleary, Rachel Goldman

Friday, May 2, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Michael Leshin, Katherine Triantafillou,
Hon. Maureen Monks*

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Faculty: Robert Smith

Thursday, May 8, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Faculty: John Fiske, Cynthia Runge, David Hoffman

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. Alimony & Property Division plus LGBT & 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 gay, lesbian and unmarried couples. Impact of Goodridge case.
*A Judge's View from the Bench

III. Child Support & Related Financial Issues

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

IV. Reaching Closure

Drafting final product. Challenging issues. Ethical and practice dilemmas.

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:

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.

John Fiske, a lawyer and family mediator at Healy, Fiske, Richmond and Matthew, has been at the forefront of divorce mediation for over 30 years.

Rachel Goldman is a lawyer and mediator with the Boston Law Collaborative where she specializes in collaborative family law and mediation.

David Hoffman, founder of the Boston Law Collaborative, practices family law and serves as a mediator and arbitrator. His publications include *Massachusetts Alternative Dispute Resolution* and *Bringing Peace into the Room*.

Michael L. Leshin is a partner with the law firm of Ginsburg and Leshin, 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 Middlesex County Probate and Family Court.

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

Cynthia Runge is an attorney and mediator with an office in Cambridge, MA, and CDSC's former Coordinator of Court and Divorce Mediation Services.

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

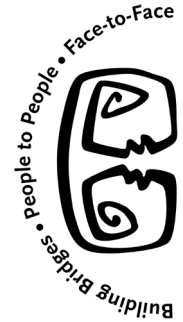
Katherine Triantafillou is a family law litigator and mediator whose 35 years of practice have historically focused on women's and LGBT issues. She is an affiliate of the Boston Law Collaborative.

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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