

FREE
8-Hour Conciliation Training Program
Offered by the Trial Court

THE TRIAL COURT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION ANNOUNCES FREE CONCILIATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ANY BAR ASSOCIATION SEEKING TO CREATE A CONCILIATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT A LOCAL COURT OR TO TRAIN NEW CONCILIATORS FOR A COURT-CONNECTED CONCILIATION PROGRAM.

Assist the Trial Court in providing conciliation services for appropriate cases filed in the Trial Court.

Satisfy the conciliation training requirements to provide court-connected conciliation services as required by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Help the court provide conciliation services to resolve disputes before trial.

Gain practical experience in assisting parties in settling civil and domestic relations cases.

Over the last four years, the Trial Court has provided ten conciliation training programs for the Bench and the Bar, mostly in the Probate and Family Court. The Standing Committee has provided free conciliation training services to: the Lowell District Court/Greater Lowell Bar Association, the Haverhill District Court/Haverhill Bar Association, the Worcester Probate and Family Court/Worcester Bar Association, the Berkshire Probate/Berkshire Bar Association, the Norfolk Probate/Norfolk County Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association, the Barnstable Bar Association, and the Massachusetts Bar Association. Currently, court-connected conciliation services are provided in ten (10) county divisions of the Probate and Family Court Department, the Haverhill District Court, the Lowell District Court, the Woburn District Court and the Essex County Division of the Superior Court Department.

The Trial Court is committed to providing the Courts and Bar Associations with assistance in setting up conciliations programs. The Standing Committee will provide the trainers and the necessary training material at no cost in order to support and promote the delivery of conciliation services in the Trial Court. To be a court-connected provider of conciliation services a Bar Association must be approved or seek approval to provide services pursuant to the Uniform Rules on Dispute Resolution. Court-connected Conciliators must be an Attorneys in good standing with the Board of Bar Overseers and have more than three (3) years' experience in practicing law in Massachusetts.

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