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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:** Basic mediation training.

Friday, March 28, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Gail Packer, Jeanne Cleary, Michael Leshin

Saturday, March 29, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Michael Leshin, Joyce Kauffman, Hon. Eileen M. Shaevel (ret.)

Monday, March 31, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Faculty: David Hoffman

Friday, April 4, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Faculty: Brad Honoroff, Jane Honoroff, Jeanne Cleary, Cynthia Bauman, Gail Packer

I. Overview of Divorce Mediation

Legal and practice issues; custody and parenting; access options and long-range planning for children; emotional impact of divorce; introduction to Massachusetts law.

II. Property Division and Non-Traditional Family Mediation

Spousal support, pensions and QDROS, health insurance and materials to help the mediator guide the process to completion. Also, gay, lesbian and paternity cases; married vs. unmarried legal guidelines; case law including Goodridge and beyond. Also, Hon. Eileen M. Shaevel (ret.) presents a view of divorce from the bench.

III. Financial Issues in Divorce

Child support guidelines and financial planning; introducing and managing legal and financial planning choices with families in crisis.

IV. Reaching Closure

Drafting final product; avoiding pitfalls; skill development. Ethical and practice dilemmas, challenging issues and behaviors.

About the Distinguished Faculty:

Cynthia Bauman is a family attorney and mediator. She has been affiliated with CDSC as a pro bono mediator since 1994 and was the Coordinator of Court Programs from 2000–2006.

Jeanne Cleary, a psychotherapist and mediator in private practice, has had over 23 years of experience in clinical and court-based work with families in the process of divorce. Jeanne has designed trainings for high schools, religious groups, and colleges and is currently Adjunct Faculty at UMass/Boston Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution.

David Hoffman practices family law and serves as a mediator and arbitrator at the Boston Law Collaborative. He is recent chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and co-author of *Massachusetts Alternative Dispute Resolution*.

Brad Honoroff, an attorney, has had extensive experience mediating, teaching and consulting in the ADR field. Formerly on the faculty of UMass/Boston Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, he co-mediates divorce cases at The Mediation Group, where he is a principal.

Jane Honoroff is a psychotherapist and a mediator, with over 30 years of clinical social work experience. She is Adjunct faculty at BU School of Social Work, consultant to Greater Boston Legal Services, and heads up the family mediation unit at The Mediation Group, where she is a principal.

Joyce Kauffman specializes in family law, co-parent adoption, and mediation, with an emphasis on legal issues affecting lesbian and gay families. Attorney Kauffman is a past co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association (MLGBA) and past chair of the MLGBA's Family Law Section.

Michael L. Leshin is a partner with the law firm of Ginsburg & Leshin, LLP, where he specializes in family law and mediation. He is a fellow of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a past president of the Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation, Inc. He is the author of the MCLE annual publication, *Massachusetts Family Law Sourcebook*.

Gail Packer, a clinical social worker, has been Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center since 1988. Previously she worked for 10 years in the Probate and Family Court, mediating with families in the process of divorce.

Cynthia Runge, an attorney and mediator, is the Coordinator of Court and Divorce Mediation Services at CDSC. Cynthia mediates divorce matters privately and through North Shore Community Mediation in Beverly, MA.

Eileen M. Shaevel served as an Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court from 1990 to 2001 after practicing family law for almost 20 years. She is now engaged in a private dispute resolution practice in Boston which offers mediation, arbitration and case evaluation in family law and probate matters.

Cynthia Runge, CDSC's Coordinator of Court and Divorce Mediation Services will facilitate each session.

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

Cost: \$695 (\$675 if registration received by March 14th)
\$595 for Volunteers with other Community Mediation Centers
\$400 for CDSC Volunteers

Enrollment: Limited to 24. Enroll early!

Registrants who cancel before March 7th will receive a full refund. Later cancellations will be refunded only if space is filled.

For information contact CDSC:

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Registration form

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

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