

Fall Conference – Call for Speakers

The Virginia Mediation Network is hosting the annual Fall Training Conference on September 17-18, 2016. The conference will be held at University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Virginia. VMN is looking for presentations that would be of interest to conference participants.

VMN is seeking proposals for concurrent workshops (1.5 hours in length) which will be scheduled for either September 17 or 18. Because VMN is a small non-profit organization we are not able to offer speaker honorariums or travel costs.

All conference presentation ideas are welcome for review. To assist in thinking about topic areas, past participants have identified the topic areas listed below as interest for more training. *This list is NOT exhaustive of the possibilities.* It is offered to spark further thought and creativity.

Possible Session Ideas:

- ❖ Financial track that includes: Spousal and child support, equitable distribution, 401(k) issues, tax issues, and other financial matters in mediation.
- ❖ Cultural differences and/or religious differences in mediation.
- ❖ Focused exploration on a part of the mediation process.
- ❖ Restorative Justice.
- ❖ Child issues in mediation.
- ❖ Employment law mediation.
- ❖ Personality types, personality disorders, and other mental health issues and how they impact the mediation process.
- ❖ Conflict coaching seminar.
- ❖ Marketing and business development.

Speaker proposals are being accepted until March 31, 2016. All handouts are required when submitting the program proposal as these materials are needed for both the CME and CLE application process.

When submitting a program proposal, all attachments plus a brief, personal bio, must be included for consideration. For your convenience, the checklist for submitting proposals is outlined below:

1. “Call for Speakers” Program Form (attached)
2. ADR CME Application: This form must be completed and returned with all other information so that continuing mediator credits can be applied for from Dispute Resolution Services at the Supreme Court of Virginia. Please note your signature is required on this form. If you do not have a way to electronically sign the form, you can mail this particular form to address below.
3. A brief bio of all speakers that are presenting.

4. Handouts, worksheets, role plays, power point presentations, etc. that you will include in your presentation. Please review the CME application guidelines as specificity is required on this form. Handouts that you want participants to have during the session (that are included in the training manual that each conference participant receives) will need to be included.

All materials can be returned to the Virginia Mediation Network viriniamediationnetwork@gmail.com (please scan in a signature copy of your CME application if emailing).

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact VMN at viriniamediationnetwork@gmail.com or (571)399-8660.

Best Regards,

VMN Fall 2016 Conference Committee