



**COURT OF APPEAL
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APPELLATE MEDIATION PROGRAM
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**COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT
SPRING 2008 MEDIATOR TRAINING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, is pleased to announce that it is again recruiting attorneys and retired judges to participate in a third mediator training course for the Court's Appellate Mediation Program. Launched in October 2006, as a method to speed the case resolution process and to reduce costs to the litigants and the Court, the success of this program has prompted the need for a third training. This third mediator training course is scheduled for May 2008, and attorneys and retired judges from throughout the 23 counties served by the Third District Court of Appeal are encouraged to apply.

Since its inception in 2006, the Appellate Mediation Program has held mediator trainings in July 2006 and March 2007. These trainings are held at no cost to the participants, and are conducted by Dana Curtis Mediation. Only mediators trained by Dana Curtis Mediation may be included on the Third District's mediator panel. In consideration for the no-cost training, the Appellate Mediation Program only asks its mediators to accept up to four mediation referrals. Preparation and the first four hours of the mediations are pro bono and any mediation time exceeding four hours may be charged at an agreed-upon hourly rate. Dana Curtis Mediation limits the number of participants in the training course to 24.

The new training session will be conducted in Sacramento as follows:

Session One: May 1, 2008 (12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.), May 2, 2008 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), May 3, 2008 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

Session Two: May 16, 2008 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and May 17, 2008 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

All candidates must complete both sessions in order to obtain a certificate of completion and be qualified to participate as a mediator for the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. Training by Dana Curtis Mediation is mandatory in order to qualify as a mediator for the Third District's Appellate Mediation Program. (MCLE accredited.)

Applications are currently being accepted from attorneys and retired judges who are interested in serving as mediators in the Appellate Mediation Program.

Those interested in becoming a mediator for the Third District's Appellate Mediation Program should complete the application, attach their resumé and return it to: **Rene Ackerman, Judicial Secretary to the Mediation Program, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 210, Sacramento, California 95833.**

The application submission deadline is **March 15, 2008 (submission can be by fax {916-641-6527} or email rene.ackerman@jud.ca.gov)**. For additional information, interested individuals are welcome to contact the Mediation Program Office by phone at 916-274-5895.