

2015 SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT > MEDIATOR INFORMATION SHEET

Small Claims and County Court Mediation, Family Mediation, and Juvenile Dependency Mediation

- All mediators who provide services under contract with the Sixth Circuit must be certified by the Florida Supreme Court in County Mediation, Family Mediation, or Dependency Mediation as applicable.
- Each Mediator selected to serve must enter a contract with the Court. Contracts are effective during the period between July 1 > June 30, with the possibility of renewals for up to three years.
- Contracted mediators are selected to serve in rotation. Compensation for services is paid by the State of Florida at the rates set by the Court. The rates for payment in court-provided mediation are:
 - **Small Claims Pretrial Mediation** – \$20.00 per hour except in Dade City where the rate is \$22.00 per hour. **NOTE:** Mediators providing small claims pretrial mediation should expect to serve for the entire calendar, approximately six to eight hours for the day.
 - **County Civil Mediation** – \$50.00 session, except when conducted during a small claims pretrial calendar, in which case the rate is the same as that for small claims pretrial mediation. A “session” is a scheduled mediation up to 90 minutes.
 - **Family Mediation** – \$300.00 per session for cases where the parties’ combined annual gross income is greater than \$50,000 but does not exceed \$100,000; and \$200.00 per session when the parties’ combined annual gross income is \$50,000 or less. A “session” is one-scheduled mediation up to 3 hours.
 - **Juvenile Dependency Mediation** – \$200.00 per session. A “session” is one-scheduled mediation up to 3 hours.
- **Sixth Circuit Administrative Orders > www.jud6.org**
 - 2012-004 Mediation – Amendment One
 - 2011-006 Mediation
 - 2005-030 Small Claims Pretrial Hearings and Mediation
- **Other Resources:**
 - Rule 12.741, Family Law Rules of Procedure; Rule 10, Rules for Certified and Court-appointed Mediators; Rule 8.290, Rules of Juvenile Procedure; Rule 1.720, Rules of Civil Procedure; Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 44, Florida Statutes.

The solicitation for mediators is now closed.

Applications are in the review process. Selected applicants will be notified by email.