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## Rule 31 Continuing Mediation Education Accreditation Request Form

**Provider Name:** Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC

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**Course Title:** Family Mediation: Law, Ethics, and More

**Date(s) Held:** October 2, 2018

**Location(s):** 5708 Uptain Road, Suite 1200, Chattanooga, TN 37411

**Fee for Members/Non-Members:** \$199

**Does this course have CLE Commission Approval?** Yes

**Presenters:** : Carol Berz is the Chief Executive Officer of Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC, a mediation services and training organization headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and serves as the Chairperson and District 6 Representative for the Chattanooga City Council.

A civil and family mediator, Dr. Berz is listed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee as a Rule 31 Neutral and Trainer in General Civil Mediation, Family Mediation and the special circumstance of Domestic Violence. In addition, Dr. Berz does extensive teaching in both the public and private sectors regarding mediation, law and ethics, and collaborative problem-solving in the areas of health care, labor/management issues and government relations.

Formerly the Director of Forensic Services for Joseph W. Johnson Mental Health Center, and subsequently its Executive Director, Dr. Berz also has served as a visiting professor at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, teaching social policy, law and ethics. She is a Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, with extensive post-doctoral training in mediation, law, ethics and conflict management system design.

Joe Manuel began his career in 1978 and is one of Tennessee's most experienced civil trial lawyers. He has maintained an active trial practice in Tennessee & Georgia throughout his career. In recognition of his outstanding trial skills, he was first certified in 1995 by The National Board of Trial Advocacy as a Civil Trial Advocate and as a Civil Specialist by the Tennessee Commission on CLE & Specialization in 1996. An early proponent of ADR, he received his first mediation training in 1991 from the American Arbitration Association. He became an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association in 1992 and has served as an Arbitrator (a private judge) in more than 50 cases. And, was one of the Speakers at the first ADR Seminar sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association in 1994. When Tennessee created court annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution, he became a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Mediator in 1997 and completed additional training in 2008 to also become Listed as a Family Mediator.

Regina McDevitt is the Chief Operating Officer for the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults. She holds a bachelors degree in Psychology and an M.Ed in Guidance and Counseling. She provides leadership, direction, management and operation for programs that address: domestic violence; supervised visitation, sexual assault; human trafficking; homelessness; housing, elder needs and abuse; foster care, and counseling and has been with agency for 18 years.

For the past 10 years, Regina has served on the board of the Tennessee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence. She served on the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee for Tennessee's Sexual Assault Program Standards and the Tennessee State Family Violence Shelter Advisory Committee. Through her work, she works to ensure that victims across the state have access to services that meet their self-defined needs and increase their safety. She provides guidance and consultation locally on community collaboration, partnering and strategic planning and well as education on issues of violence, trauma informed services and other topics to local groups.

<b>Session Description</b>	<b>Type of Credit Requested (General Continuing Education, General Mediation Issues, Mediation Ethics, or Family Law)</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Credit Approval (Office Use Only)</b>
<u>Law &amp; Ethics in Family Mediation:</u> Review and Updates of TN Sup Crt Rule 31; Appendix A, TN Sup Crt Rule 38, Suggested Court Forms. Disciplinary Rule 2.4: Lawyer As Dispute Resolution Neutral	General Mediation Issues (1.0) Family Law (.50)	8:30	10:00	<b>1.5 hours General Mediation Issues</b>
<u>Break</u>		10:00	10:15	<b>N/A</b>
<u>Law &amp; Ethics in Family Mediation cont.:</u> Statutory and Case Law Relative to Family Matters and Review of ethical opinions	Family Law (1.25) Mediation Ethics (.50)	10:15	12:00	<b>1.25 hours Family Law AND .5 of an hour Mediation Ethics</b>
<u>Lunch</u>		12:00	12:30	<b>N/A</b>
<u>Ethical Considerations in Family Mediation:</u> Confidentiality and Domestic Abuse, Ex Parte Communication, Unrepresented Parties, Presence of Non-Parties,, Unequal Bargaining Positions, Team Exercise: Mediator's Ethical Dilemmas	Mediation Ethics (.50) Family Law (.25)	12:30	1:15	<b>.5 of an hour Mediation Ethics AND .25 of an hour Family Law</b>
<u>Break</u>		1:15	1:30	<b>N/A</b>
<u>Introduction to The Dynamics of Domestic Violence:</u> Family Law and Domestic Violence and Impact on Shared Parenting and Safety Planning	General Continuing Education (.50) General Mediation Issues (.50) Family Law (1.0)	1:30	3:30	<b>.5 of an hour General Mediation Issues AND 1.5 hours Family Law</b>

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**Total Approved: 6 hours  
Date Approved: July 26, 2018**