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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 and the Special Circumstance of Domestic Violence

**Date(s) Held:** April 26-27, 2018

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

**Fee for Members/Non-Members:** \$395

**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.

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. Ms. McDevitt partnered with a local agency to establish the Greater Chattanooga Coalition against Human Trafficking in 2010 and continues to serve on the Coalitions Executive Committee.

**Sgt. Victor Miller** is currently assigned as a supervisor in the Violent Crimes Bureau of the Chattanooga Police Department. He has previously served as an Investigator, Police Information Officer (PIO) and as a Patrol Officer. While assigned to the patrol division, he patrolled many areas of the city to include: East Brainerd, East Lake, and Highland Park. In 2010, Sgt. Miller was named the Rookie Officer of the Year.

In his time as an investigator, Sgt. Miller was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit (now called Violent Crimes). At that time the Chattanooga Police Department did not have a Special Victims Unit so he has extensive experience in investigating sexual assault and intimate partner violence in addition to homicides and shootings.

<b>Session Description</b>	<b>Type of Credit Requested</b> (General Continuing Education, General Mediation Issues, Mediation Ethics, or Family Law)	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Credit Approval (Office Use Only)</b>
<b>Day 1</b>				
<b>Understanding the Dynamics of Domestic Violence and review relevant law:</b> What do mediators need to understand	General Continuing Education: .75 Family Law: 1.50	8:30	10:45	2.25 hours Family Law OR 2.25 hours General Continuing Education
<b>Break</b>		10:45	11:00	N/A
<b>The Dynamics of Domestic Violence:</b> Understanding behavior and application in the mediation setting. What might get in your way?	General Mediation Issues: 1.25 Ethics: .25	11:00	12:30	1.25 hours General Mediation Issues AND .25 of an hour Mediation Ethics
<b>Lunch</b>		12:30	1:30	N/A
<b>Law Enforcement and Domestic Violence:</b> Review of protective & restraining orders, lethality assessments and criminal offenses related to domestic violence	General Continuing Education: .50 Family Law: 1.50	1:30	3:30	.5 of an hour General Continuing Education AND 1.5 hours Family Law
<b>Break</b>		3:30	3:45	N/A
<b>Review of Key Aspects of the Process:</b> Demonstration and discussion / Importance of sticking to the process. Review of Universal Precautions, Meet/Seat/Greet/, Opening remarks, ground rules, private meetings	General Mediation Issues: 2.0 Ethics: .25	3:45	6:00	2.0 hours General Mediation Issues AND .25 of an hour Mediation Ethics
<b>Day 2</b>				
<b>Review of Key Aspects of the Process:</b> Review of the Parenting Plan and concepts of shared parenting where domestic violence may be an issue	General Mediation Issues: 1.50	8:30	10:00	1.5 hours Family Law OR 1.5 hours General Continuing Education
<b>Break</b>		10:00	10:15	N/A
<b>Role Play and Discussion</b> <i>[scenario includes an ethical dilemma]</i>	General Mediation Issues: .75 Ethics: .25	10:15	11:15	.75 of an hour General Mediation Issues AND .25 of an hour Mediation Ethics
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<b>Break</b>		12:15	12:30	N/A
<b>Final Considerations and Community Resources</b>	General Continuing Education: .50	12:30	1:00	.5 of an hour General Continuing Education

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**Total Approved CME: maximum of 12 hours**

**Please see Credit Approval column above for type of CME credit approved per session.**

**Date Approved: March 16, 2018**