

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**IN RE:            QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT            )            GENERAL**  
**CERTIFIED MEDIATORS                )            ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**IN THE 24<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT            )            ORDER. 23-12**

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rules 99 and 905, as well as Rules 9-5(a) and 10-4(a) of the Rules of Practice for the Circuit Court of Illinois in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, and having received prior approval of the Illinois Supreme Court, through its Administrative Office, the following qualifications must be met for an individual to be certified as a mediator in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.


Family Mediators:

1. Shall be a licensed attorney in good standing, a retired attorney, a judge, or a retired judge;
2. Shall have completed a specialized training in family mediation consisting of a court-approved course of study or certification, to consist of at least 40 hours in the following areas:
  - a. Conflict resolution;
  - b. Psychological issues in separation, dissolution and family dynamics;
  - c. Issues and needs of children in dissolution;
  - d. Mediation process, skills and techniques; and
  - e. Screening for and addressing domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse and mental illness;
3. Are required to complete 10 hours of circuit-approved continuing education every two years of which a minimum of two hours must cover domestic violence issues and provide evidence of completion to the Chief Judge at the time of completion or upon request;
4. Have, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 99(c)(1), judicial immunity in the same manner and to the same extent as a judge. Professional liability insurance for any act or omission for which judicial immunity may not apply must be maintained and proof thereof provided to the Chief Judge annually;
5. Shall maintain an office within the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit or a county contiguous thereto, or conduct mediation at an agreed location within the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; and
6. Shall submit a request to be certified by the Chief Judge as a family mediator in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and have said request approved.

Civil Mediators:

1. Shall be a licensed attorney in good standing, a retired attorney, a judge, or a retired judge;
2. Shall be of good moral character;
3. Shall complete a civil case mediation training program approved by the Chief Judge of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit;
4. Have, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 99(c)(1), judicial immunity in the same manner and to the same extent as a judge. Professional liability insurance for any act or omission for which judicial immunity may not apply must be maintained and proof thereof provided to the Chief Judge annually; and
5. Shall submit a request to be certified by the Chief Judge as a civil mediator in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and have said request approved.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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Daniel J. Emge,  
Chief Circuit Judge