

**FLORIDA MEDIATION & ARBITRATION PROGRAMS:
A COMPENDIUM**

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FOREWORD

Nearly two decades ago, the Florida State Legislature began exploring viable alternatives for resolving of civil disputes. In 1988, state legislators gave civil trial judges the authority to refer civil cases to mediation or arbitration. Judges could either refer any, all, or none of their cases. However, they were to adhere to all rules and procedures set forth by the Supreme Court. Since that transforming event in the history of Florida's Courts, the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) has sought to capture and report these court-connected activities.

This year marks the 19th edition of the DRC's annual publication of *Florida's Mediation & Arbitration Programs: A Compendium*. This edition is the result of the entire DRC staff assisting in the gathering and sharing of information related to mediation and arbitration programs across the state. A special thanks is extended to the following staff members: Ramon Waters, data technician, who designed the Compendium Surveys; Kimberly Kosch, court operations consultant and Sharon Press, Director of the Dispute Resolution Center, for remaining calm and patient while providing guidance and direction in the synthesizing of the data for this edition of the *Compendium*.

The *Compendium* functions as a user friendly resource for judges, court administrators, mediators, arbitrators, attorneys, educators and anyone who wishes to learn more about Florida's court-related dispute resolution process. The information and data collection displayed in the *Compendium* provides a panoramic view of the uniqueness of each of more than 100 mediation and arbitration programs across the state.

The *Compendium* is also a resource that provides information on the various boards and committees created by the Supreme Court. For instance, the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Rules & Policy, and the Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) were established to govern and guide practitioners in the area of dispute resolution.

The *Compendium* exhibits the commitment of Florida's leaders to better serve its citizenry by providing court-connected alternatives for the resolving of disputes. It also reflects the hard work and dedication of Florida's many civic-minded citizens and public servants. The Dispute Resolution Center commends all that have contributed to or assisted others in finding peaceful alternatives to conflict resolution in Florida.

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INTRODUCTION

Over the past 30 years, the Florida State Court System's dedication to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and offering litigants court-connected opportunities to resolve their disputes without judicial intervention has resulted in one of the most comprehensive court-connected mediation programs in the country. The first citizen dispute settlement (CDS) centers were created in the 1970's to address community and neighbor disputes. In the mid 1980's, the Florida Legislature created a study commission on the use of alternative dispute resolution in Florida's courts. The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) was also created during the mid 1980's to provide assistance to the courts in developing ADR programs and to conduct education and research on ADR in general. On January 1, 1988, comprehensive revisions to Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, entitled "Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action," was implemented. This legislation granted civil trial judges the statutory authority to refer cases to mediation or arbitration, subject to rules and procedures established by the Supreme Court of Florida. Since then, the statute has been revised several times and procedural rules, ethical standards, grievance procedures, training standards, and continuing education requirements for mediators have been implemented.

The Florida State Court System consists of 20 judicial circuits that comprise Florida's 67 counties. Prior to July 2004, ADR programs in Florida were funded by the counties. This resulted in great variations of ADR service across the state. Generally, single county circuits provided litigants with access to a wide variety of ADR programs. In multi-county circuits, ADR services were offered in some, but not all of the counties. Due to a constitutional amendment implemented on July 1, 2004, the funding for the state court system became the responsibility of the state. The goal is for litigants to have access to "essential" services regardless of where they live in the state. Included among those "essential" services, are some aspects of court-connected mediation and arbitration. This goal has not been fully realized yet for ADR services, because there has not yet been full funding for implementation. Beginning with this *Compendium*, we are now reporting statistics on a fiscal year (FY 05-06) basis rather than a calendar.

In FY 2005-06 statistics were reported from the following ADR programs:

- ◆ 8 Citizen Dispute Settlement Centers (CDS) Programs
- ◆ 50 County Mediation Programs
- ◆ 56 Family Mediation Programs

- ◆ 10 Circuit Civil Mediation Programs
- ◆ 47 Dependency Mediation Programs
- ◆ 1 Appellate Mediation Program
- ◆ 4 Non-Binding Arbitration Programs

The Supreme Court of Florida, through the DRC, offers certification of court-connected mediators for county, family, circuit and dependency. Certified mediators may receive appointments from the court when the litigants are unable to select their own mediator. Certified mediators and those who mediate court-ordered cases are bound by the ethical standards in the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators. Mediators renew their certification every two years and must complete 16 hours of continuing mediator education applicable to each area of certification. The Supreme Court does not certify arbitrators; however, court-appointed arbitrators are bound by the Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators.

As of May of 2007,

- ◆ There were 5,241 individuals certified as mediators in one, or a combination of, the following areas:
 - 3,140 certified county mediators
 - 1,821 certified family mediators
 - 2,304 certified circuit mediators
 - 171 certified dependency mediators
- ◆ There was no statewide certification of appellate mediators.

In an effort to keep pace with this rapidly evolving field, the Supreme Court of Florida has created four standing ADR committees/boards. All of the following committees/boards are staffed by the DRC:

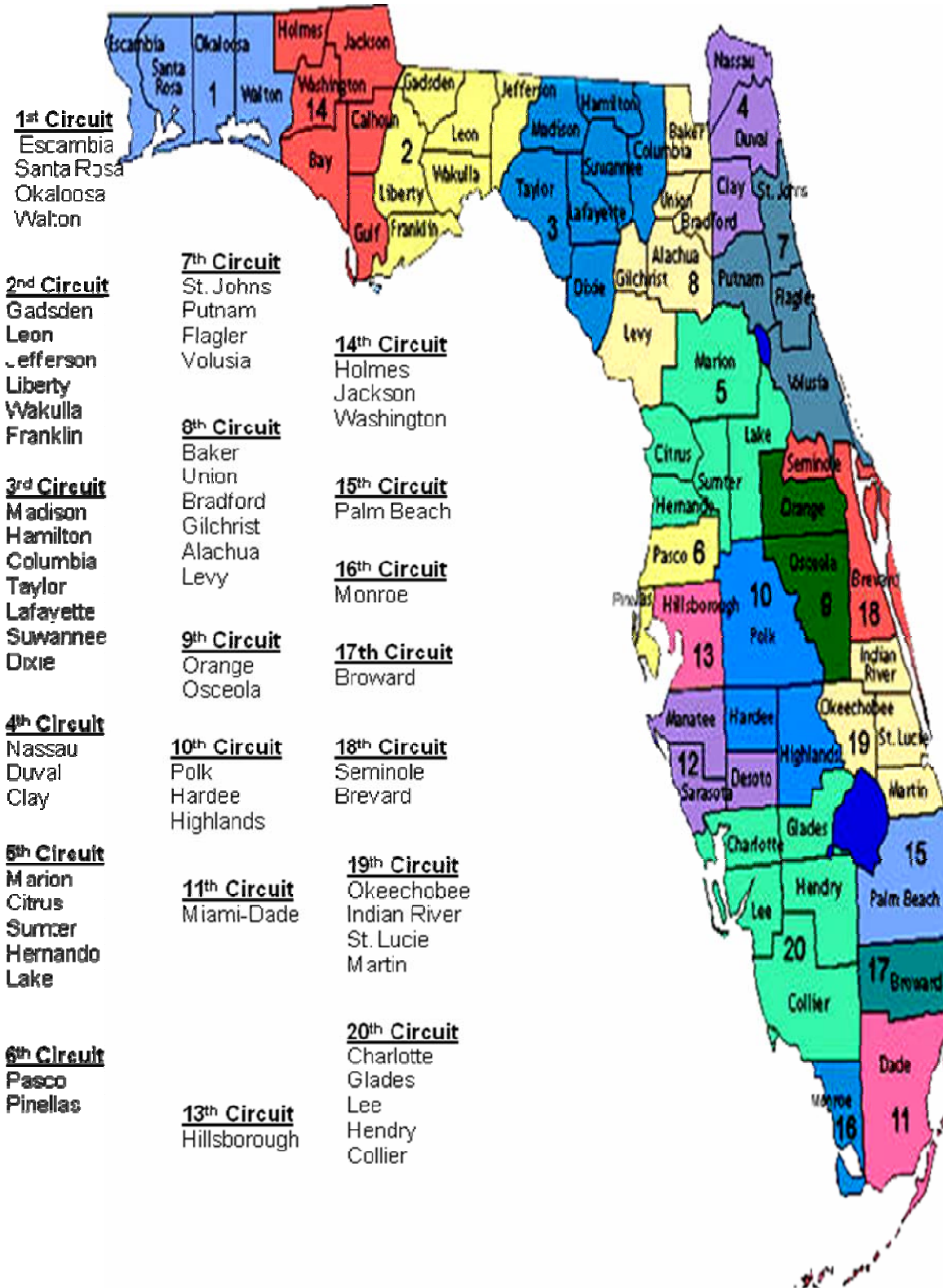
- ◆ The Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules & Policy is charged with monitoring and making recommendations to improve and expand the use of court-connected ADR through the adoption of statutes, rules, policies, and procedures;
- ◆ The Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) issues advisory ethics opinions to certified and court-appointed mediators;
- ◆ The Mediator Qualifications Board (MQB) is responsible for hearing grievances filed against certified mediators and reviewing mediator "good moral character" issues;
- ◆ The Mediation Training Review Board (MTRB) reviews complaints against certified mediation training programs and training program principals.

INTRODUCTION

While this *Compendium* provides an overview of state court-connected civil mediation and arbitration programs, there are a variety of ADR programs operating successfully throughout the state which are beyond the scope of this publication, including many successful mediation programs through the executive branch agencies.

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Supreme Court Standing Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules & Policy

The Supreme Court of Florida Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy is charged with the following tasks:

1. Monitor court rules governing ADR and recommend necessary amendments.
2. Monitor legislation and trends in the field and when necessary and appropriate recommend rules regarding the implementation of ADR procedures.
3. Recommend for consideration changes in the administrative policies, statues and training standards that would enhance the goals of ADR.
4. Assess and develop, if appropriate, recommendations for rules, procedures and model practices to govern the appropriate use of mediation in criminal and juvenile delinquency.
5. Assess how the courts are handling mediation cases, including where domestic violence is present, and develop recommendations for model practices for handling cases, as appropriate.
6. Review requests from individuals seeking waivers of qualification required for arbitrators and mediators or reviews of denial of certification and make recommendation for or against certification to the Supreme Court.
7. Monitor continuing education, mentorship and basic mediation and arbitration training requirements and recommend revisions as appropriate.
8. Coordinate with other court committees to further the ADR goals of the Supreme Court.
9. Make such other recommendations that would improve the use of mediation, arbitration and other alternatives to supplement the judicial process.
10. Perform such other assignments related to ADR as may be directed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Committee is chaired by The Honorable Shawn L. Briese, Circuit Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit. During Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Committee worked on projects related to mediator qualifications, senior judges serving as mediators, mediator advertising, arbitration, domestic violence, and ADR Systems.

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The Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) is a nine member committee chaired by Professor Fran Tetunic of Nova Southeastern University's College of Law. The MEAC's function is to provide written advisory ethics opinions to certified mediators concerning interpretations of the mediator standards of conduct found in the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.

The MEAC has issued 103 ethical opinions since its inception in 1994. In 2005, the MEAC issued seven opinions in response to various topics of concern. Listed below are a few of the inquiries that were addressed by the committee:

1. MEAC 2006-007

Scenario: In XXX county, small claims mediation is conducted in the courthouse at the time of the pre-trial conference. Parties A & B were referred by the judge to mediation. When the mediator and the parties reached the doorway of the mediation room, the mediator inquired of the four people following, who they were. The parties each identified themselves and introduced the non-party family member they brought with them to the mediation. Upon the introduction, the mediator replied "I only mediate with the named parties so the non-parties [he referred to them by name] will need to wait outside." Both parties objected to their non-parties being "left outside" the mediation room and neither party offered an objection as to the other parties' non-party coming into the mediation room. The mediator replied to their objections by stating that "mediation is confidential so they [non parties] are not allowed in the mediation room, however, if at any time you need to come outside and talk with them, you can do so." To this reply, the parties appeared somewhat more at ease and entered the mediation room.

Question A: Is it permissible for a mediator to dictate, over the parties objections, who attends mediation?

Question B: Is it appropriate for the mediator to instruct non-parties they can not participate in mediation because the mediation is confidential?

Question C: Is it a violation of confidentiality for a mediator to direct a party or parties that s/he can discuss mediation communications with someone who does not attend the mediation without consent of all parties?

2. MEAC 2006-008

Question A: May a mediator in his/her report, pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1. 730 or Fla. Fam L. R. P. 12.740 state that a party and/or counsel failed to attend mediation?

Question B: There are times, especially in family mediation, where one party, at the commencement of mediation informs the mediator that he or she will not pay for his or her share of the mediation, fee, believing that the opposing side should be responsible. This may occur, even though there is a court order stating otherwise, and prior financial arrangements have been made. May a mediator in his/her report, pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1. 730 or Fla. Fam. L.R.P 12.740 state that although a party and counsel attend a mediation session, he/she failed to make arrangements for payment for mediation?

The ethical opinions are published for the benefit of all mediators in the Dispute Resolution Center's newsletter *The Resolution Report* and at web site at www.flcourts.org (select Alternative Dispute Resolution to access the ADR Index).

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The Mediator Qualification Board (MQB) was created in 1992 as the disciplinary body to enforce the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators. The board hears grievances which have been filed against certified and court-appointed mediators. The board is comprised of three divisions: Northern, Central and Southern. Each division has between 17 members: three county or circuit judges; three certified county mediators; three certified family mediators; three certified circuit mediators, two certified dependency mediators, and three Florida Bar members who are neither mediators nor judicial officials during their term of service on the board.

A total of 101 mediator grievances have been filed with the MQB since the adoption of the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators in 1992. The Northern Division has received 20 cases, the Central Division has received 46 cases and the Southern Division has received 35 cases. Twelve cases were filed during 2006.

With the Supreme Court having expanded the MQB functions to include review of "good moral character" issues in April 2000; a Qualification Complaint Committee was established. A member from each division is selected annually to serve on this Committee. This group has reviewed approximately 104 cases; sixteen of which were filed during FY 2005-06.

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Gary Canner has served as chair of the board since its first organizational meeting in 1997. The 16-member body is composed of:

- ◆ four county and/or circuit judges;
- ◆ three certified family mediators;
- ◆ three certified circuit mediators;
- ◆ three certified county mediators; and
- ◆ three certified dependency mediators.

The Board hears grievances filed against the Supreme Court of Florida certified mediation training programs and training program principals. There were 5 complaints filed with the Board FY 2005-06.

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There is no requirement that parties be represented by counsel or that counsel be present at CDS mediation, and since the sessions are non-judicial and informal, most parties opt to attend without attorneys. The typical mediation lasts between one and two hours in a single session and is provided free of charge to the parties.

There are no formal educational or experiential requirements for CDS mediators and there is no statewide certification. These mediators, who are generally volunteers, come from varied backgrounds. Many CDS mediators have completed the 20 hours of training required for county court mediators. Additionally, most program directors require new mediators to observe and co-mediate prior to handling cases on their own.

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Citizen Dispute Settlement
Caseload, Case Types, Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Circuit	County	Referred	Mediated	Resolved	Mediator Type*	No. of Mediators	Type Cases	%	Mediator Compensation
7th	Volusia County Seat: Deland	247	226	176	V	25	Animal Control	20	\$0
							Auto Repair	10	
							Consumer Cases	20	
							Contract	10	
							Landlord/Tenant	10	
							Neighborhood Dispute	10	
							Property Damage	20	
9th	Orange County Seat: Orlando	593	91	60	V	53	Not Available		\$0
12th	Manatee County Seat: Bradenton	207	83	65	V	52	Auto Repair	10	\$0
							Consumer Cases	20	
							Contract	10	
							Employee/Employee	10	
							Juvenile	3	
							Landlord/Tenant	21	
							Minor Criminal	1	
							Neighborhood Dispute	10	
							Nuisance	5	
							Property Damage	5	
							Recovery Money/Property	5	
							Worthless Checks	5	
							Repeat Violence	5	
	Sarasota County Seat: Sarasota	417	161	132	V	52	Animal Control	5	\$0
							Auto Repair	10	
							Consumer Cases	25	
							Contract	15	
							Employee/Employee	10	
							Juvenile	5	
							Landlord/Tenant	15	
Minor Criminal							5		
Neighborhood Dispute							10		
Nuisance							1		
Property Damage							1		
Recovery Money/Property	1								
Worthless Checks	1								
Repeat Violence	1								
Desoto County's Data is included in Sarasota's information									

*S=Staff, C=Contract, V=Volunteer

**Citizen Dispute Settlement
Caseload, Case Types, Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Circuit	County	Referred	Mediated	Resolved	Mediator Type*	No. of Mediators	Type Cases	%	Mediator Compensation
13th	Hillsborough County Seat: Tampa	574	76	50	C	14	Auto Repair	1	\$20-\$23/Per Hour
							Consumer Cases	6	
							Contract	2	
							Employee/Employee	6	
							Landlord/Tenant	5	
							Neighborhood Dispute	12	
							Nuisance	3	
							Recovery Money/Property	44	
							Worthless Checks	16	
							Civil	5	
13th	Hillsborough-South Shore	87	25	14	C / V	7	Auto Repair	4	\$20-\$23/Per Hour
							Consumer Cases	36	
							Employer/Employee	4	
							Landlord/Tenant	16	
							Neighborhood Dispute	28	
							Recovery Money/Property	4	
							Family	8	
15th	Palm Beach County Seat: West Palm Beach	250	175	80	V	3	Consumer Cases	30	\$0
							Contract	40	
							Landlord/Tenant	5	
							Neighborhood Dispute	5	
							Property Damage	10	
							Recovery Money/Property	10	
17th	Broward County Seat: Fort Lauderdale	107	65	56	C	10	Animal Control	2	\$50 Per Session
							Assault/Battery	10	
							Auto Repair	5	
							Consumer Cases	8	
							Minor Criminal	10	
							Neighborhood Dispute	15	
							Nuisance	5	
							Property Damage	5	
							Recovery Money/Property	15	
							Worthless Checks	15	
							Sales Tax Evasion	10	
Totals		2482	902	633					

Note: Florida has 67 counties in 20 judicial circuits. Only those circuits and counties that provide CDS mediation services are listed above.

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COUNTY MEDIATION INTRODUCTION

County mediation programs receive civil case referrals from county courts whose jurisdiction covers cases valued up to \$15,000 and includes small claims cases (jurisdiction up to \$5,000). During Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006, the 50 court-connected county mediation programs operating in Florida mediated over 37,000 small claims cases and over 3,500 county cases above small claims.

There are a variety of case types referred to county mediation, including, but not limited to, landlord/tenant, contract, recovery of money and/or property, auto repair, consumer, worthless checks and neighborhood disputes.

There are special rules of civil procedure for small claims mediation. These procedures are designed for efficiency for both the litigants and the court. Generally, the parties mediate without attorneys, but the rules allow for attorneys to appear without their clients. Small claims mediation services are free to the parties. In county court cases above small claims, the court charges \$40 per session per party for mediation services.

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Fiscal Year 2005—2006

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			Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Cases Resolved	Referred	Mediated	Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	513	494	372	10	10	10
	Okaloosa	Crestview	433	417	242	0	0	0
	Santa Rosa	Milton	129	129	72	0	0	0
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	62	62	32	0	0	0
	Leon	Tallahassee	1133	1133	968	0	0	0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	84	84	72	0	0	0
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	234	234	148	0	0	0
	Hamilton	Jasper	37	37	30	0	0	0
	Madison	Madison	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Suwannee	Live Oak	410	207	143	0	0	0
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	127	127	92	7	7	5
	Duval	Jacksonville	1123	1123	920	90	78	70
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	120	120	85	3	3	2
5th	Citrus	Inverness	423	423	356	8	8	0
	Hernando	Brooksville	273	287	188	0	0	0
	Lake	Tavares	1424	663	449	0	0	0
	Marion	Ocala	779	779	463	0	0	0
6th	Pasco	Dade City	1162	1162	880	23	8	1
	Pinellas	Clearwater	2260	2260	1682	0	0	0
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	150	150	105	8	8	5
	Putnam	Palatka	117	117	90	5	5	4
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	181	181	141	10	9	6
	Volusia	Deland	622	622	466	148	116	89
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	543	537	368	10	9	7
	Baker	Macclenny	49	49	41	10	10	10
	Bradford	Starke	27	27	18	0	0	0
	Gilchrist	Trenton	11	9	7	0	0	0
	Levy	Bronson	24	24	17	2	2	2
	Union	Lake Butler	9	9	8	0	0	0
9th	Orange	Orlando	16247	4107	3301	1834	934	627
	Osceola	Kissimmee	3194	1859	1495	218	134	56
10th	Polk	Bartow	811	811	550	0	0	0
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	2587	1580	Not Available	1011	104	Not Available
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	120	120	72	1	1	1
	Manatee	Bradenton	388	366	101	43	19	10
	Sarasota	Sarasota	1102	1098	857	114	84	44
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	2847	1921	910	358	224	97

County Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005—2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Small Claims			County Cases		
			Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Cases Resolved	Referred	Mediated	Resolved
14th	Bay	Panama City	419	399	329	897	95	62
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	4015	4014	2844	110	65	38
16th	Monroe	Key West	192	190	104	17	19	6
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	3484	3580	2299	1054	1128	366
18th	Brevard	Titusville	961	961	456	256	156	144
	Seminole	Sanford	485	394	261	95	69	31
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	339	339	222	2	2	1
	Martin	Stuart	274	274	144	9	9	5
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	127	127	99	18	18	12
	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	349	349	251	58	58	41
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	512	512	Not Available	45	30	Not Available
	Collier	East Naples	1036	1036	613	64	30	23
	Lee	Fort Myers	1841	1841	1165	186	119	122
Totals*			53790	37345	24529	6724	3571	1897

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County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Auto Repair	7
			Consumer Cases	19
			Contract	43
			Landlord/Tenant	7
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	27
			Worthless Check	8
	Okaloosa	Crestview	Not Available	
	Santa Rosa	Milton	Auto Repair	9
			Consumer Cases	14
			Contract	5
			Landlord/Tenant	19
			Recovery Money/Property	7
Worthless Check			46	
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	Auto Repair	20
			Consumer Cases	20
			Landlord/Tenant	20
			Property Damage	20
			Recovery Money/Property	20
	Leon	Tallahassee	Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	6
			Contract	37
			Landlord/Tenant	6
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	43
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	6
			Contract	37
			Landlord/Tenant	6
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	43
	3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Consumer Cases
Contract				20
Landlord/Tenant				10
Recovery Money/Property				10
Worthless Check				10
Hamilton		Jasper	Consumer Cases	50
			Contract	20
			Landlord/Tenant	10
			Recovery Money/Property	10
			Worthless Check	10

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
	Suwannee	Live Oak	Not Available	
	Madison	Madison	Consumer Cases	100
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	Assault/Battery	5
			Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	10
			Landlord/Tenant	20
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	15
			Recovery Money/Property	5
			Other	20
	Duval	Jacksonville	Auto Repair	10
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	15
			Family Dispute	15
			Landlord/Tenant	10
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	20
			Recovery Money/Property	5
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	Assault/Battery	1
			Auto Repair	15
			Consumer Cases	5
			Contract	10
			Landlord/Tenant	20
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	9
			Worthless Checks	5
			Other	20
5th	Citrus	Inverness	Auto Repair	9
			Consumer Cases	6
			Landlord/Tenant	12
			Neighborhood Dispute	4
			Property Damage	2
			Recovery Money/Property	67

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases	
5th	Hernando	Brooksville	Assault/Battery	35	
			Auto Repair	3	
			Consumer Cases	9	
			Contract	37	
			Landlord/Tenant	9	
			Neighborhood Dispute	1	
			Property Damage	8	
			Recovery Money/Property	31	
			Worthless Checks	1	
			Other	2	
	Lake	Tavares	Auto Repair	4	
			Consumer Cases	32	
			Contract	6	
			Landlord/Tenant	3	
			Recovery Money/Property	45	
			Worthless Checks	1	
			Other	9	
	Marion	Ocala	Auto Repair	4	
			Consumer Cases	4	
			Contract	36	
			Landlord/Tenant	7	
			Property Damage	4	
			Recovery Money/Property	44	
			Worthless Checks	4	
			Other	1	
	6th	Pasco	Dade City	Auto Repair	1
				Consumer Cases	85
Contract				10	
Landlord/Tenant				4	
Pinellas		Clearwater	Not Available		
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	Consumer Cases	45	
			Contract	10	
			Property Damage	25	
			Recovery Money/Property	20	
	Putnam	Palatka	Auto Repair	10	
			Consumer Cases	30	
			Contract	15	
			Property Damage	25	
			Recovery Money/Property	15	
			Other	5	

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
7th	St. Johns	St. Augustine	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	20
			Property Damage	30
			Recovery Money/Property	15
			Other	5
	Volusia	Deland	Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	22
			Contract	15
			Landlord/Tenant	25
Property Damage			20	
			Recovery Money/Property	15
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Contract	24
			Landlord/Tenant	8
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	45
			Worthless Checks	1
			Other	18
	Baker	Macclenny	Contract	30
			Property Damage	15
			Recovery Money/Property	55
	Bradford	Starke	Auto Repair	10
			Contract	20
			Property Damage	15
			Recovery Money/Property	55
	Gilchrist	Trenton	Consumer Cases	20
			Contract	35
			Recovery Money/Property	45
	Levy	Bronson	Auto Repair	10
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	20
			Property Damage	20
Recovery Money/Property			40	
Union	Lake Butler	Auto Repair	10	
		Contract	10	
		Landlord/Tenant	5	
		Property Damage	25	
		Recovery Money/Property	50	

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
9th	Orange	Orlando	Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	20
			Landlord/Tenant	13
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	38
			Worthless Checks	1
			Other	1
	Osceola	Kissimmee	Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	20
			Landlord/Tenant	13
			Property Damage	3
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
Recovery Money/Property			3	
Worthless Checks			58	
10th	Polk	Bartow	Auto Repair	9
			Consumer Cases	9
			Contract	17
			Landlord/Tenant	35
			Neighborhood Dispute	2
			Property Damage	20
			Recovery Money/Property	8
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Not Available	
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	Contract	100
	Manatee	Bradenton	Assault/Battery	2
			Auto Repair	10
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	30
			Landlord/Tenant	15
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	3
	Sarasota	Sarasota	Worthless Checks	2
			Assault/Battery	2
			Auto Repair	10
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	30
Landlord/Tenant			15	
Neighborhood Dispute	10			
Property Damage	3			
Recovery Money/Property	3			

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Auto Repair	10
			Consumer Cases	20
			Contract	18
			Landlord/Tenant	6
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	1
			Worthless Checks	5
			Other	36
14th	Bay	Panama City	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	6
			Landlord/Tenant	16
			Recovery Money/Property	68
			Other	6
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	19
			Contract	47
			Landlord/Tenant	19
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	8
			Worthless Checks	1
			Other	2
16th	Monroe	Key West	Contract	25
			Landlord/Tenant	5
			Recovery Money/Property	60
			Unsatisfactory Work	10
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	Consumer Cases	7
			Contract	50
			Evictions & PIP	25
			Landlord/Tenant	6
			Property Damage	8
			Recovery Money/Property	2
			Worthless Checks	2
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Auto Repair	5
			Condo/Homeowner Assn	10
			Consumer Cases	20
			Contract	20
			Landlord/Tenant	15
			Neighborhood Dispute	5
			Property Damage	8
			Recovery Money/Property	15
			Worthless Checks	2

County Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
	Seminole	Sanford	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	46
			Landlord/Tenant	12
			Neighborhood Dispute	2
			Property Damage	4
			Recovery Money/Property	20
			Worthless Checks	2
			Other	7
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	Not Available	
	Martin	Stuart		
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee		
	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce		
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	50
			Landlord/Tenant	10
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	2
			Worthless Checks	3
	Collier	East Naples	Assault/Battery	2
			Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	9
			Contract	70
			Landlord/Tenant	2
			Neighborhood Dispute	3
			Property Damage	7
	Lee	Ft. Myers	Recovery Money/Property	3
			Worthless Checks	1
			Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	50
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	5

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**County Mediation
Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005—2006**

Circuit	County	County Seat	County Mediator Type*	Number of Mediators on Staff	Number of Other Small Claim Mediators (C / V)	Payment for Small Claim Mediators	Compensation for County Court Mediators		
							Mediator Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment per Case
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	S / C / V	2	13 / 70	\$0	\$40 Per Case	\$0	\$40
	Santa Rosa	Milton	V	0	13	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	S / V	0	\$50	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$100	\$0
	Leon	Tallahassee	S / V	1	\$50	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$100	\$0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	S / V	0	\$50	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$100	\$0
	Mediators in the 2nd Judicial Circuit provides mediation services for all three counties								
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	C	0	8	\$25 Per Hour	\$25 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
	Hamilton	Jasper	C	0	3	\$25 Per Hour	\$25 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
	Madison	Madison	C	0	1	\$25 Per Hour	\$25 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
	Suwannee	Live Oak	V	0	6	\$25 Per Hour	\$25 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	S / V	1	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Duval	Jacksonville	S / V	1	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	S / V	1	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5th	Citrus	Inverness	V	0	14	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Hernando	Brooksville	V	0	14	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Lake	Tavares	V	0	25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Marion	Ocala	V	0	25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6th	Pasco	Dade City	C	0	12	\$22	\$22	\$50	\$0
	Pinellas	Clearwater	C	0	18	\$22	\$22	\$50	\$0
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	V	0	9	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Putnam	Palatka	V	0	6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	V	0	11	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Volusia	Deland	V	0	35	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	The 7th Judicial Circuit contract with Volusia County Mediation Center to provide court ordered mediation services. Employees are not State Employees.								

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							Mediator Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment per Case
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	S / V	4	26	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Baker	Macclenny	S / V	4	26	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Bradford	Starke	S / V	4	26	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Gilchrist	Trenton	V	0	30	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Levy	Bronson	S / V	4	26	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Union	Lake Butler	S / V	4	26	\$0	\$100 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	The mediators in the 8 th Judicial Circuit provides mediation services for all six counties.								
9th	Orange	Orlando	S / V	4	41	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Osceola	Kissimmee	S / V	2	12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10th	Polk	Bartow	C / V	0	12	\$0	\$15 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	S / C	2	5	\$0	\$32 Per Hour	\$32	\$0
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	C / V	0	18 / 36	\$0	\$25 Per Session	\$10	\$10
	Manatee	Bradenton	C / V	0	18 / 36	\$0	\$25 Per Session	\$10	\$25
	Sarasota	Sarasota	C / V	0	18 / 36	\$0	\$25 Per Day	\$10	\$10
Fifty four mediators (54) provide mediation services throughout the 12th Circuit									
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	S / C	3	17	\$20-\$23 Per Hour	\$20-\$23 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
14th	Bay	Panama City	S / V	2	17	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	S / V	1	56	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16th	Monroe	Key West	S / C / V	2	15 / 6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	C	41	0	\$20	\$50	\$50	\$0
18th	Brevard	Titusville	S / V	1	23	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
	Seminole	Sanford	S / C	15	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Circuit	County	County Seat	County Mediator Type*	Number of Mediators on Staff	Number of Other Small Claim Mediators (C / V)	Payment for Small Claim Mediators	Compensation for County Court Mediators		
							Mediator Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment per Case
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	V	0	13	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Martin	Stuart	V	0	16	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	V	0	5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	V	0	17	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Not Available						
	Collier	East Naples	S / V	1	28	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Lee	Fort Myers	C / V	5	20	\$0	\$150 Per Hour	\$150	\$0

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FAMILY MEDIATION INTRODUCTION

Family mediation in Florida's court-ordered setting refers to mediation of domestic relations matters in general and dissolution and child-related cases in particular. Case types include: modification, equitable distribution, spousal support, child custody, visitation, paternity and child support. All 20 circuits have mediation programs.

Family mediation sessions are generally conducted in one session of two to three hours. Parties who have a gross combined income at or below \$100,000 may utilize the services of court-connected family mediation programs at a rate subsidized by the state [Section 44.108(2), Florida Statutes]. Indigent parties are eligible to receive mediation services at no charge. Those parties with combined gross incomes under \$50,000 pay \$40 per session per party and those parties with a combined gross income over \$50,000 pay \$80 per session per party. Parties with a combined gross income over \$100,000 are referred to private mediators. Since Revision 7 to Article V was not fully funded, not all of those subsidized services are currently available in every jurisdiction.

The current statute governing mediation prohibits the referral of family cases to mediation, upon motion or request of a party, if there has been a history of domestic violence which could compromise the mediation process. [Section 44.102(2)(c), Florida Statutes].

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Family Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Okaloosa	Crestview			
	Santa Rosa	Milton			
	Walton	Defuniak Springs			
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	93	63	42
	Jefferson	Monticello	19	14	11
	Leon	Tallahassee	486	326	209
	Liberty	Bristol	6	5	4
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	13	8	6
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	231	179	122
	Dixie	Cross City	21	21	10
	Hamilton	Jasper	6	4	4
	Lafayette	Mayo	5	5	3
	Madison	Madison	11	9	5
	Suwannee	Live Oak	56	37	24
	Taylor	Perry	18	14	10
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	214	214	148
	Duval	Jacksonville	735	732	356
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	84	68	51
5th	Citrus	Inverness	16	12	7
	Hernando	Brooksville	20	15	7
	Marion	Ocala	274	124	82
	Sumter	Bushnell	2	2	1
6th	Pasco	Dade City	287	162	81
	Pinellas	Clearwater	989	872	4
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	31	25	17
	Putnam	Palatka	35	28	16
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	77	68	46
	Volusia	Deland	267	177	120
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	559	432	287
	Baker	Macclenny	46	36	23
	Bradford	Starke	63	48	31
	Gilchrist	Trenton	31	23	15
	Levy	Bronson	63	48	31
	Union	Lake Butler	15	12	8
9th	Orange	Orlando	2595	1,867	1341
	Osceola	Kissimmee	1090	781	585
10th	Polk	Bartow	788	438	282
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Not Available	1261	Not Available
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	59	43	28
	Manatee	Bradenton	273	192	94
	Sarasota	Sarasota	352	263	164

Family Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	2543	2428	1530
14th	The program began operations in April 2007				
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	3330	2199	1623
16th	Monroe	Key West	72	68	40
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	1222	966	538
18th	Brevard	Titusville	1318	1010	Not Available
	Seminole	Sanford	617	587	534
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	63	79	35
	Martin	Stuart	35	23	14
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	35	23	14
	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	204	185	98
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	189	172	Not Available
	Collier	East Naples	243	146	120
	Lee	Fort Myers	1034	904	448
Totals			20835	17418	9369

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Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Not Available	
	Okaloosa	Crestview		
	Santa Rosa	Milton		
	Walton	Defuniak Springs		
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	89
			Equitable Distribution	36
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	10
			Unified Family Court	1
	Gadsden	Quincy	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	89
			Equitable Distribution	36
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	10
			Unified Family Court	1
	Jefferson	Monticello	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	89
			Equitable Distribution	36
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	10
			Unified Family Court	1
	Leon	Tallahassee	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	89
Equitable Distribution			36	
Paternity			11	
Attorney Fees			10	
Unified Family Court			1	
Liberty	Bristol	Modification	34	
		Spousal Support	34	
		Custody & Visitation	75	
		Child Support	89	
		Equitable Distribution	36	
		Paternity	11	
		Attorney Fees	10	
		Unified Family Court	1	

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	89
			Equitable Distribution	36
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	10
			Unified Family Court	1
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	10
	Dixie	Cross City	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
	Hamilton	Jasper	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
	Lafayette	Mayo	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
	Madison	Madison	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
Child Support			50	
Equitable Distribution			75	
Paternity			5	
			Attorney Fees	10

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Suwannee	Live Oak	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	10
	Taylor	Perry	Modification	75
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	75
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	75
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	10
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	10
			Custody & Visitation	20
			Child Support	30
			Equitable Distribution	5
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	5
			Unified Family Court	5
	Duval	Jacksonville	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	25
			Custody & Visitation	65
			Child Support	75
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	35
			Attorney Fees	50
			Unified Family Court	7
	Nassau	Fernandina	Modification	35
			Spousal Support	10
Custody & Visitation			30	
Child Support			20	
Equitable Distribution			5	
5th	Citrus	Inverness	Modification	42
			Spousal Support	17
			Custody & Visitation	83
			Child Support	67
			Equitable Distribution	17
			Unified Family Court	25

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Hernando	Brooksville	Modification	26
			Spousal Support	11
			Custody & Visitation	72
			Child Support	71
			Equitable Distribution	29
			Unified Family Court	33
	Marion	Ocala	Modification	27
			Spousal Support	12
			Custody & Visitation	68
			Child Support	65
			Equitable Distribution	38
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	39
	Sumter	Bushnell	Custody & Visitation	100
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	50
			Unified Family Court	50
	6th	Pasco	Dade City	Modification
Spousal Support				98
Custody & Visitation				98
Child Support				98
Equitable Distribution				100
Paternity				2
Attorney Fees				1
Pinellas		Clearwater	Not Available	
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	46
			Custody & Visitation	65
			Child Support	58
			Equitable Distribution	62
			Paternity	8
			Attorney Fees	27
	Putnam	Palatka	Spousal Support	30
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	90
			Equitable Distribution	98
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	80
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	Spousal Support	30
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	90
			Equitable Distribution	98
			Paternity	5
Attorney Fees			80	

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Volusia	Deland	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	78
			Child Support	66
			Equitable Distribution	51
			Paternity	16
			Attorney Fees	11
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	20
			Attorney Fees	30
			Unified Family Court	5
	Baker	Macclenny	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	20
			Attorney Fees	30
			Unified Family Court	5
	Bradford	Starke	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	20
			Attorney Fees	30
			Unified Family Court	5
	Gilchrist	Trenton	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
Equitable Distribution			70	
Paternity			20	
Attorney Fees			30	
Unified Family Court			5	

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Levy	Bronson	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	20
			Attorney Fees	30
	Unified Family Court	5		
	Union	Lake Butler	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	20
Attorney Fees			30	
Unified Family Court	5			
9th	Orange	Orlando	Modification	10
			Spousal Support	20
			Custody & Visitation	44
			Child Support	57
			Equitable Distribution	20
			Paternity	3
			Attorney Fees	55
	Osceola	Kissimmee	Modification	10
			Spousal Support	20
			Custody & Visitation	44
			Child Support	57
			Equitable Distribution	20
			Paternity	3
			Attorney Fees	55
10th	Polk	Bartow	Modification	2
			Spousal Support	3
			Custody & Visitation	30
			Child Support	2
			Equitable Distribution	16
			Paternity	4
			Attorney Fees	15
			Financial	28
Polk County Data Reflects Family Mediation Case Types only from January through June 2006				
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Not Available	

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	Modification	7
			Spousal Support	23
			Custody & Visitation	74
			Child Support	70
			Equitable Distribution	49
			Paternity	12
			Attorney Fees	5
	Manatee	Bradenton	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	24
			Custody & Visitation	64
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	53
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	24
	Sarasota	Sarasota	Modification	29
			Spousal Support	13
			Custody & Visitation	62
			Child Support	52
			Equitable Distribution	50
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	15
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	48
			Child Support	47
			Equitable Distribution	9
			Paternity	1
			Attorney Fees	6
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Modification	23
			Spousal Support	19
			Custody & Visitation	62
			Child Support	64
			Equitable Distribution	49
			Paternity	12
			Attorney Fees	20
			Unified Family Court	1
16th	Monroe	Key West	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	40
			Child Support	30
			Equitable Distribution	10
			Paternity	15
			Attorney Fees	3
			Unified Family Court	2

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	Modification	2
			Custody & Visitation	62
			Child Support	23
			Equitable Distribution	15
			Unified Family Court	25
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	18
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	56
			Equitable Distribution	25
	Seminole	Sanford	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	2
			Custody & Visitation	15
			Child Support	15
			Equitable Distribution	1
Paternity	33			
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	Modification	30
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	85
			Equitable Distribution	60
			Paternity	10
	Martin	Stuart	Modification	30
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	85
			Equitable Contribution	60
			Paternity	10
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	Modification	30
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	85
			Equitable Contribution	60
			Paternity	10
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	Modification	30	
		Custody & Visitation	85	
		Child Support	85	
		Equitable Contribution	60	
		Paternity	10	

Family Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	10
			Custody & Visitation	20
			Child Support	20
			Equitable Distribution	5
			Paternity	5
	Collier	East Naples	Dissolution	75
			Modification	5
			Spousal Support	1
			Custody & Visitation	4
			Child Support	5
			Paternity	4
			Attorney Fees	1
	Lee	Fort Myers	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	10
			Custody & Visitation	20
			Child Support	20
			Equitable Distribution	5
Paternity			5	

Note: Florida has 67 counties in 20 judicial circuits. Only the circuits and counties that provide or coordinate court-connected family mediation services are listed above.

Family Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005—2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Family Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment Per Case
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	C	0	4	\$140 Per Case	\$70	\$140
	Okaloosa	Crestview	C	0	4	\$140 Per Case	\$70	\$140
	Santa Rosa	Milton	C	0	1	\$140 Per Case	\$70	\$140
	Walton	Defuniak Springs	C	0	4	\$140 Per Case	\$70	\$140
Mediators for Okaloosa County also serve as mediators for Walton County								
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
	Gadsden	Quincy	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
	Jefferson	Monticello	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
	Leon	Tallahassee	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
	Liberty	Bristol	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	S / C	2	6	\$150 Per Case	\$100	\$150
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Dixie	Cross City	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Hamilton	Jasper	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Lafayette	Mayo	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Madison	Madison	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Suwannee	Live Oak	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Taylor	Perry	S / C	2	6	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	S / C / V	3	1 / 4	\$75 Per Session	\$75	\$75
	Duval	Jacksonville	S / C / V	3	1 / 4	\$75 Per Session	\$75	\$75
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	C	0	1	\$75 Per Session	\$75	\$75
5th	Citrus	Inverness	S	1	0	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Hernando	Brooksville	S	2	0	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Marion	Ocala	S / C	2	6	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Sumter	Bushnell	S	1	0	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0

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Family Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005—2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Family Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment Per Case
6th	Pasco	Dade City	C	0	24	\$300 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Pinellas	Clearwater	C	0	22	\$300 Per Session	\$50	\$0
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Putnam	Palatka	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Volusia	Deland	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Baker	Macclenny	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Bradford	Starke	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Gilchrist	Trenton	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Levy	Bronson	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Union	Lake Butler	S / C	2	16	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
9th	Orange	Orlando	S / C	1	19	\$200 Per Session	\$80	\$0
	Osceola	Kissimmee	S / C	2	19	\$200 Per Session	\$80	\$0
10th	Polk	Bartow	S	3	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	S / C	5	1	\$34 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Manatee	Bradenton	S / C	1	4	\$100 Per Session	\$25	\$100
	Sarasota	Sarasota	S / C	1	6	\$100 Per Session	\$25	\$100
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	S / C	1	13	\$145 Per Session	\$145 Per Session	\$0

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**Family Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005—2006**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Family Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/Non Appearance	Max Payment Per Case
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	S	6	0	\$125 Per Session	\$50	\$0
16th	Monroe	Key West	S / C	2	12	\$100 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	S / C	4	11	\$50 Per Session	\$0	\$0
18th	Brevard	Titusville	S / C	1	7	\$125 Per Session	\$125 Per Session	\$375
	Seminole	Sanford	S / C	0	9	\$125 Per Session	\$75	\$125
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	S / C	0	5	\$150 Per Session	\$150	\$0
	Martin	Stuart	S / C	0	5	\$150 Per Session	\$150	\$0
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	S / C	0	1	\$150 Per Session	\$150	\$0
	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	S / C	0	5	\$150 Per Session	\$150	\$0
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Not Available					
	Collier	East Naples	S	1	0	0	0	\$0
	Lee	Fort Myers	S / C	2	75	\$150 Per Session	\$150	\$0

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DEPENDENCY MEDIATION INTRODUCTION

Dependency mediation programs receive referrals of child abuse and neglect cases from judges, attorneys and the Department of Children and families. These cases may be referred at any stage of a dependency action. Referral may occur as early as the filing of a petition alleging that a child is dependent and in need of the court's intervention for protection, or much later in a case where a child may be in foster care and termination of parental rights is being pursued. During FY 2005-2006, 19 of the 20 judicial circuits in Florida utilized mediation in dependency cases.

Dependency mediation provides an opportunity for the parents, social service counselors, guardians ad litem, attorneys for parents and agencies, as well as other key participants (such as relatives) to engage in a facilitated discussion about the case. There are no restrictions on the types of issues which can be addressed during a mediation and parties may come to either partial or full agreement on various aspects of dependency matters, including: child placement; custody; terms of a case plan; visitation; medical or therapeutic treatment; child support; independent living for teens; and long term foster care.

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Dependency Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	192	166	166
	Santa Rosa	Milton	Not Available		
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	30	29	29
	Leon	Tallahassee	243	180	153
	Liberty	Bristol	2	2	2
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	91	78	70
	Dixie	Cross City	22	17	15
	Hamilton	Jasper	4	4	3
	Lafayette	Mayo	1	1	1
	Madison	Madison	7	7	7
	Suwannee	Live Oak	28	25	24
	Taylor	Perry	4	4	4
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	25	14	175
	Duval	Jacksonville	239	200	150
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	12	1	1
5th	Citrus	Inverness	73	54	49
	Hernando	Brooksville	46	42	38
	Lake	Tavares	88	79	66
	Marion	Ocala	486	436	364
	Sumter	Bushnell	5	4	4
6th	Pasco	Dade City	82	78	54
	Pinellas	Clearwater	64	52	36
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	74	66	57
	Putnam	Palatka	13	11	6
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	32	27	21
	Volusia	Deland	Data included in Flagler County's information		
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	302	263	222
	Baker	Macclenny	1	1	0
	Bradford	Starke	9	9	7
	Gilchrist	Trenton	29	24	22
	Levy	Bronson	43	38	35
	Union	Lake Butler	1	1	1
9th	Orange	Orlando	63	50	41
	Osceola	Kissimmee	136	93	69
10th	Polk	Bartow	630	384	263

Dependency Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Not Available	107	Not Available
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	6	6	6
	Manatee	Bradenton	Not Available		
	Sarasota	Sarasota	8	5	4
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	0	0	0
14th	Dependency Mediation for Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties to begin Fall 2007				
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	197	134	107
16th	Monroe	Key West	17	17	8
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	1006	739	522
18th	Brevard	Titusville	3	1	1
	Seminole	Sanford	42	38	32
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	80	59	28
Totals*			4436	3546	2863

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Dependency Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Not Available	
	Okaloosa	Crestview		
	Santa Rosa	Milton		
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	Arraignment	90
			Termination	5
	Leon	Tallahassee	Arraignment	90
			Adjudication	5
			Termination	5
	Liberty	Bristol	Arraignment	90
			Adjudication	5
			Termination	5
	3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Shelter/Detention
Arraignment				50
Adjudication				30
Disposition				5
Termination				10
Dixie		Cross City	Shelter/Detention	5
			Arraignment	50
			Adjudication	30
			Disposition	5
Hamilton		Jasper	Shelter/Detention	5
			Arraignment	50
			Adjudication	30
			Disposition	5
			Termination	10
Lafayette		Mayo	Shelter/Detention	5
			Arraignment	50
			Adjudication	30
			Disposition	5
			Termination	10
Madison		Madison	Shelter/Detention	5
	Arraignment		50	
	Adjudication		30	
	Disposition		5	
	Termination		10	

Dependency Mediation Case Types

Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
	Suwannee	Live Oak	Shelter/Detention	5
			Arrestment	50
			Adjudication	30
			Disposition	5
			Termination	10
	Taylor	Perry	Shelter/Detention	5
			Arrestment	50
			Adjudication	30
			Disposition	5
			Termination	10
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	Shelter/Detention	30
			Arrestment	25
	Duval	Jacksonville	Arrestment	5
			Adjudication	15
			Disposition	70
			Termination	10
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	Adjudication	5
			Disposition	85
			Termination	10
	5th	Citrus	Inverness	Arrestment
Adjudication				1
Disposition				2
Hernando		Brooksville	Arrestment	100
Lake		Tavares	Shelter/Detention	30
			Arrestment	70
Marion		Ocala	Shelter/Detention	42
			Arrestment	54
			Adjudication	1
			Disposition	2
			Termination	1
Sumter		Bushnell	Shelter/Detention	45
	Arrestment		55	
6th	Pasco	Dade City	Adjudication	50
			Termination	50
	Pinellas	Clearwater	Shelter/Detention	90
			Arrestment	5
			Disposition	5

Dependency Mediation Case Types
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	Shelter/Detention	6
			Arrestment	63
			Adjudication	25
			Disposition	1
			Foster Care Review	1
			Termination	4
	Putnam	Palatka	Arrestment	40
			Adjudication	20
			Disposition	40
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	Arrestment	100
Volusia	Deland	Data included in Flagler County's		
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Shelter/Detention	1
			Arrestment	87
			Adjudication	5
			Disposition	1
			Termination	7
	Baker	Macclenny	Disposition	100
			Termination	100
	Bradford	Starke	Arrestment	45
			Adjudication	11
			Termination	45
	Gilchrist	Trenton	Arrestment	92
			Adjudication	8
	Levy	Bronson	Arrestment	84
			Adjudication	11
			Termination	5
	Union	Lake Butler	Arrestment	100
9th	Orange	Orlando	Not Available	
	Osceola	Kissimmee	Shelter/Detention	95
			Other	5
10th	Polk	Bartow	Adjudication	95
			Termination	5
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Not Available	

Dependency Mediation Case Types

Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	Adjudication	100
	Manatee	Bradenton	Not Available	
	Sarasota	Sarasota	Adjudication	20
			Disposition	80
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	No Cases Referred	
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Shelter/Detention	11
			Arrestment	2
			Adjudication	63
			Disposition	4
			Foster Care Review	6
			Termination	28
16th	Monroe	Key West	Arrestment	30
			Adjudication	20
			Foster Care Review	30
			Termination	20
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	Arrestment	70
			Adjudication	15
			Disposition	5
			Termination	10
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Adjudication	100
	Seminole	Sanford	Arrestment	5
			Adjudication	95
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	Shelter/Detention	30
			Arrestment	25
			Adjudication	20
			Disposition	15
			Foster Care Review	5
			Termination	5

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Dependency Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Dependency Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/non Appearance	Max Payment Per Case
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	C	0	4	\$330 Per Case	\$70	Non-limited
	Okaloosa	Crestview	C	0	4	\$330 Per Case	\$70	Non-limited
	Santa Rosa	Milton	C	0	1	\$330 Per Case	\$70	Non-limited
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
	Gadsden	Quincy	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
	Jefferson	Monticello	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
	Leon	Tallahassee	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
	Liberty	Bristol	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	S / C	2	1	\$200 Per Case	\$100	\$0
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Dixie	Cross City	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Hamilton	Jasper	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Lafayette	Mayo	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Madison	Madison	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Suwannee	Live Oak	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
	Taylor	Perry	S	2	0	\$75 Per Hour	\$75	\$0
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	S	1	0	\$40 Per Session	\$75	\$75
	Duval	Jacksonville	S	3	0	\$0	\$40	\$0
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	C	0	1	\$75 Per Session	\$75	\$75
5th	Citrus	Inverness	S / C	1	1	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Hernando	Brooksville	S / C	1	2	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Lake	Tavares	C	0	5	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Marion	Ocala	C	0	13	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0
	Sumter	Bushnell	C	0	2	\$125 Per Hour	\$40	\$0

Dependency Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Dependency Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/non Appearance	Max Payment Per Case
6th	Pasco	Dade City	C	0	8	\$300 Per Session	\$50	\$0
	Pinellas	Clearwater	C	0	6	\$300 Per Session	\$50	\$0
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	S	2	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Putnam	Palatka	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Volusia	Deland	Data included in Flagler County's information					
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	S / C	2	6	\$200 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Baker	Macclenny	S / C	2	6	\$225 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Bradford	Starke	S / C	2	6	\$225 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Gilchrist	Trenton	S / C	2	6	\$225 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Levy	Bronson	S / C	2	6	\$225 Per Session	\$75	\$0
	Union	Lake Butler	S / C	2	6	\$225 Per Session	\$75	\$0
9th	Orange	Orlando	C	0	8	\$150 Per Session	\$80	\$0
	Osceola	Kissimmee	C	8	0	\$150 Per Session	\$80	\$0
10th	Polk	Bartow	S	3	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Manatee	Bradenton	Dependency Mediation Available--No Cases Referred					
	Sarasota	Sarasota	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Dependency Mediation Available--No Cases Referred					
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	S	3	0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Dependency Mediation Personnel and Mediator Compensation
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Mediator Type*	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Other Type Mediators (C / V)	Compensation for Dependency Mediators		
						Contractual Mediators Fee	Cancellation/non Appearance Mileage	Max Payment Per Case
16th	Monroe	Key West	C	2	0	\$250 Per Case	Mileage	\$0
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	S / C	2	6	\$50 Per Session	\$0	\$0
18th	Brevard	Titusville	S	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Seminole	Sanford	S	2	0	\$90 Per Hour	\$0	\$0
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	C	0	3	\$150 Per Hour	\$150	\$0

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*S=Staff, C=Contract, V=Volunteer

CIRCUIT CIVIL MEDIATION INTRODUCTION

Under the mediation statutes and rules, circuit civil mediation includes non-family civil cases over \$15,000. The case types include contract, personal injury, auto negligence and professional malpractice. Most civil trial judges in Florida refer at least part of their caseload to circuit civil mediation and it is not uncommon for judges to require an attempt at mediation prior to setting a trial date.

Mediation parties have 10 days from the trial court's order of referral to mediation to select a mediator who may or may not be certified [see Rule 1.720(f), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure]. If the parties do not make a selection, the court must appoint a certified mediator. Generally, all parties are represented by counsel, who not only is required to attend the mediation, but frequently play a major role in the negotiations. Depending on case complexity, mediations may last from several hours to several days.

Circuit civil mediation differs from the other areas of court-connected mediation in that mediation personnel play a limited role, if any, in administering and/or providing this type of mediation service. The extent to which circuit civil mediation services are coordinated at the local level are contingent upon utilizing resources from other funded ADR programs, when and if available. Generally, circuit civil mediation referrals go directly to the parties who select and compensate their own private mediators. This unique dynamic presents a challenge for local courts when attempting to accurately report the number of referrals, mediations and cases resolved through circuit civil mediation. While all judicial circuits utilize circuit civil mediation to some extent, only 7 of the 20 circuits were able to gather limited data on circuit civil mediation activities in FY 2005 and thus they are the only ones included in this section.

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Circuit Civil Mediation Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005--2006

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
6th	Pasco	Dade City	268	127	52
	Pinellas	Clearwater	1801	1611	809
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	98	82	39
16th	Monroe	Key West	130	97	45
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	5431	3988	1620
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Not Available		
	Seminole	Sanford	39	32	27
19th	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	88	88	59
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	892	469	252
Charlotte and Collier County's Data are included in Lee County's information					
Totals			8947	6494	2903

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APPELLATE MEDIATION

In the last ten years in Florida, the First, Fourth and Fifth District Courts of Appeal (DCA) have established appellate mediation programs. In 2001, due to statewide budget restrictions, both the First and Fourth DCA's appellate mediation programs ceased operations. Mediations in these DCA's were conducted by in-house staff mediators. The Fifth DCA's appellate mediation program currently operates out of the appellate courthouse in Daytona Beach and utilizes private/contract mediators. Mediators who are certified as family, dependency and/or circuit civil mediators are eligible to join the roster of mediators available for selection upon completion of an appellate mediation training sponsored by the DCA.

Appellate mediation programs offer attorneys and their clients an avenue to negotiate a settlement of their disputes while simultaneously pursuing their appellate rights. Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, authorizes the use of appellate mediation, and procedural operation is pursuant to administrative order adopted by the District Court. At this time, the Supreme Court of Florida has not adopted certification requirements for appellate mediators.

APPELLATE MEDIATION SUMMARY

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Fifth District Court of Appeal Program Overview

Category	Number
Total Cases Considered for Mediation	398
Total of Cases Unacceptable for Mediation	227
Total of Cases Ordered to Mediation	147
Total of Cases Impassed	61
Total of Cases Dismissed After Mediation	59

ARBITRATION/VOLUNTARY TRIAL RESOLUTION

State court arbitration is statutorily divided into two categories: court-ordered/non-binding and voluntary/binding. Judges may assign non-binding arbitration cases to a single arbitrator or a panel of three. In 1994, the Supreme Court of Florida adopted the Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators which contain qualifications, standards of professional conduct and rules of discipline for court-appointed arbitrators. While there are state guidelines for court-connected arbitration, there is no certification process through the Supreme Court for arbitrators.

In 1999, the Florida Legislature amended Section 44.104, Florida Statutes to include a procedure similar to voluntary binding arbitration, entitled voluntary trial resolution. Under this option, parties may elect to have their case heard by a member of The Florida Bar who renders a decision in the case. Unlike voluntary binding arbitration, however; the trial resolution judge's award is appealable directly to the appropriate appellate court.

In July of 2004, the state took over the responsibility of funding of the court system which had previously been funded by individual counties. The Florida Legislature did not appropriate funds or staff for court-connected arbitration services. The extents to which arbitration services are coordinated and offered at the local level are contingent upon utilizing resources from other funded ADR programs, when and if available.

During FY 2005-2006, civil trial judges in Pasco and Pinellas (Circuit 6); Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia (Circuit 7); Hillsborough (Circuit 13), and in Broward (Circuit 17) referred 809 cases to non-binding arbitration. There was no voluntary trial resolution arbitration reported by any circuit. No program reported use of voluntary trial resolution or binding arbitration through the court.

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Arbitration Program Overview
Arbitration Caseload
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Circuit	County	Circuit Cases Referred	Circuit Cases Arbitrated	County Cases Referred	County Cases Arbitrated	Trial De Novo-Circuit	Trial De Novo-County	No. of Arbitrators	Selection of Arbitrators	Arbitrators Single and/or Panel	Type Cases	%	% of Atty Representation
6th	Pasco	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	parties	Single	Professional Malpractice	100	100
7th	Flagler	2	2	0	0	Not Available	0	2	judge	Single	Professional Malpractice	50	100
											Personal Injury	50	
	Putnam	5	5	0	0	Not Available	0	4	parties and/or judge	Single	Consumer Cases	33	100
											Contract	67	
	St. Johns	8	7	0	0	Not Available	0	7	parties and/or judge	Single	Consumer Cases	29	86
											Professional Malpractice	57	
											Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure	14	
	Volusia	42	37	0	0	Not Available	0	0	parties and/or judge	Single	Consumer Cases	25	90
											Contract	50	
											Professional Malpractice	5	
Personal Injury											5		
Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure											10		
Other Civil	5												
13th	Hillsborough	1	1	27	19	0	6	8	program chooses	Single	Contract	5	100
											Personal Injury	75	
											Civil	20	
17th	Broward	504	206	217	115	102	83	93	parties and/or judge	Both	Auto Negligence	25	100
											Consumer Cases	15	
											Contract	25	
											Professional Malpractice	10	
											Personal Injury	10	
PIP	15												
Totals		565	259	244	134	103	89	115					

*There was no voluntary trial resolution or binding arbitration reported by any circuit.

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FLORIDA'S ADR HISTORY

1970's

- 5-1975 First Citizen Dispute Settlement (CDS) Program created in Florida began operation in Dade County.
- 10-1975 First Juvenile Arbitration/Mediation Program created in Florida began operating in Duval County.
- 4-1976 Legislation on citizen dispute settlement and juvenile arbitration filed in the Florida Legislature for the first time.
- 6-1977 Juvenile arbitration statute passed with an effective date of July 1, 1977.
- 7-1977 Supreme Court received federal grant to establish a state-level office responsible for providing technical assistance, research and training to courts relating to citizen dispute settlement and other dispute resolution alternatives.
- 1-1978 Chief Justice Overton appointed first Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution Alternatives and designated Justice Hatchett as its chairman.
- 3-1978 First meeting of the Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution Alternatives (the Committee went on to meet 18 times over the next two years and concluded its work in December of 1981).
- 4-1978 First legislation on family mediation is filed in the Florida Legislature.
- 1-1979 First edition of the Citizen Dispute Settlement Guidelines Manual published.
- 2-1979 First Family Mediation Program created in Florida began operating in Dade County.
- 6-1979 First statewide conference on Dispute Resolution Alternatives sponsored by the Supreme Court held in Orlando.
- 6-1979 First public information film on citizen dispute settlement produced and made available to courts and county officials to assist in promoting the establishment of citizen dispute settlement programs.

1980's

- 8-1980 First empirical evaluation report of CDS Programs in Florida published.
- 9-1980 First empirical evaluation of juvenile mediation/arbitration programs published.
- 1-1981 Second edition of the *Citizen Dispute Settlement Guideline Manual* published.
- 3-1981 First *Citizen Dispute Settlement Mediator Training Manual, Instructor's Guide for Training Mediators*, and four mediation training videotapes published and distributed to all existing CDS programs.
- 10-1981 First statewide Mediator Training Program sponsored by the Supreme Court held in Orlando.
- 6-1982 Family mediation statute passed with an effective date of June 1, 1982.
- 1-1983 Supreme Court's Matrimonial Law Commission issued final report and recommended mandatory mediation of all custody/visitation issues in a dissolution of marriage proceeding.

1980's (Continued)

- 6-1983 First Summary Jury Trial held in Florida in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 7-1983 Supreme Court received federal grant to study juvenile arbitration programs in Florida. Final report of this project published in March 1984.
- 7-1984 The Florida Legislature created the Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- 3-1985 Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution issued first report recommending comprehensive mediation/arbitration program for Florida's trial courts.
- 6-1985 CDS statute passed with an effective date of October 1, 1985.
- 1-1986 First Circuit Civil Mediation Program began operations in Lee County.
- 1-1986 Florida Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) created by the Supreme Court and Florida State University College of Law. Mike Bridenback named director; Jim Alfini named director of education and research.
- 2-1986 Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution issued final report which included proposed legislation on court-ordered mediation and arbitration.
- 4-1986 Legislation encompassing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Study Commission's recommendations filed for the first time in the Florida Legislature.
- 7-1986 DRC issued first newsletter.
- 12-1986 DRC received grant from the Florida Bar Foundation to evaluate summary jury trial process.
- 6-1987 Comprehensive mediation/arbitration statute passed with an effective date of January 1, 1988.
- 6-1987 Legislature approved funding of an ADR Demonstration Project in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 7-1987 Chief Justice McDonald appointed special committee to draft court rules in response to the passage of court-ordered mediation/arbitration statute.
- 7-1987 First Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 10-1987 Mediation/Arbitration Committee submitted proposed mediation/ arbitration rules to Supreme Court. Oral arguments held December 1987.
- 2-1988 DRC sponsored national seminar on mediation in the judicial environment funded by a grant from the National Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- 4-1988 First Arbitration Training Program sponsored by the DRC was held in response to the training requirement set forth in court rules.
- 6-1988 ADR Pilot Project began operating in Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 6-1988 Chief Justice McDonald appointed Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Training and the first Mediation Training Programs sponsored by the Supreme Court were held in response to the training requirements set forth in the court rules relating to mediation.

1980's (Continued)

- 8-1988 Sharon Press hired as associate director of the DRC.
- 1-1989 County Judges Conference on Mediation Skills held in Jacksonville.
- 2-1989 First statewide Mediation/Arbitration Program Directors Meeting held.
- 2-1989 Additional training program standards recommended to Supreme Court. Effective date: September 1989.
- 4-1989 First use of packaged county mediation training program in Pensacola. Package containing mediation manual, trainer's manual and tapes sent to all county mediation programs.
- 5-1989 Mediation/arbitration supplemental legislation passed—absolute immunity granted to all court mediators and arbitrators; arbitration fee \$200 per day; county court filing fee authorized for funding mediation program, and restriction on referrals to family mediation. Effective January 1, 1990.
- 6-1989 First county Train-the-Trainer Program held in Tallahassee.
- 7-1989 Second Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1989 Supreme Court appointed Standing Committee on Mediation/Arbitration Rules to look into legislation, rule revisions, and standard of conduct for mediators and arbitrators.
- 8-1989 Monograph on Summary Jury Trials published.
- 9-1989 Additional mediation training program standards became effective—all trainers to re-apply for certification.
- 10-1989 Public hearing on rule changes held in Orlando.
- 12-1989 Supreme Court Standing Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submits final report on recommended rule changes and a standard of conduct for mediators to the court.

1990's

- 1-1990 DRC hired as consultants to the Legislative Study Commission on Mobile Homes to study dispute resolution mechanisms for mobile homes.
- 2-1990 Oral argument on the proposed rule revisions.
- 3-1990 Pilot train-the-trainer program for family and circuit mediation trainers.
- 4-1990 Consultant's report on dispute resolution system for mobile homes submitted to the Legislative Study Commission on Mobile Homes.
- 6-1990 1990 Legislature passed amendments to Chapter 44, effective October 1, 1990. Changes include statewide certification, authorization for increased funding potential and reorganization of the chapter.
- 6-1990 Supreme Court of Florida issues opinion number 75,151 adopting revisions to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Effective July 1990.
- 7-1990 Third Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.

1990's (Continued)

- 12-1990 Statewide certification of mediators initiated.
- 4-1991 Sharon Press promoted to director of the DRC.
- 7-1991 Fourth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1991 Jim Alfini resigned as the director of education and research to become dean of Northern Illinois College of Law.
- 9-1991 Former Chief Justice Raymond Ehrlich appointed jurist-in-residence for FSU College of Law. Coordination with and study of the Dispute Resolution Center one component of his appointment.
- 10-1991 Sharon Press elected regional vice-president for the Southeast Region of the Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution.
- 11-1991 Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted report and final recommendations for Standards of Conduct and Rules of Discipline for all Supreme Court certified and court-appointed mediators. Oral arguments scheduled for April 1992.
- 11-1991 Sharon Press invited to travel to Argentina and Uruguay as AmPart funded by the Argentine Ministry of Justice and US AID. Press conducted mediation and negotiation training, delivered lecture on ADR and interviewed for national news media.
- 1-1992 DRC conducted first school mediation training program in Leon County. Ten Cobb Middle School students and a teacher coordinator trained.
- 1-1992 DRC assisted Informal Dispute Resolution Division of Worker's Compensation in developing mediation/negotiation training program for staff. Training conducted from January through June.
- 2-1992 DRC initiated conflict resolution curriculum in Leon County Elementary School (Kate Sullivan).
- 4-1992 County mediation training held in Osceola County to begin new program.
- 4-1992 Professor Mack Player named new director of education and research for DRC.
- 5-1992 Florida Supreme Court released opinion adopting Standards of Conduct and Rules of Discipline for Supreme Court Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators. Effective immediately.
- 6-1992 County mediation training held in Orange County to begin new program.
- 7-1992 Fifth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 9-1992 DRC debuted its first statewide conference for mediators and arbitrators entitled *Ethics in Dispute Resolution*.
- 12-1992 Chief Justice made first appointments to the Mediator Qualifications Board. Regional meetings held in Tallahassee, Tampa and Fort Lauderdale.
- 1-1993 County mediation training held in Seminole County to begin new program.
- 5-1993 County mediation training held in Alachua County to begin new program.

1990's (Continued)

- 6-1993 Justice in the 21st Century Conference held in Tampa.
- 6-1993 Florida representatives attended National Institute Technical Assistance Workshop for Southern States.
- 7-1993 Sixth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1993 Supreme Court Standing Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted petition for revisions to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure including rule amendments for county mediation procedure; a proposed code of conduct and rules of discipline for court arbitrators; and recommendation for the creation of a Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel to provide advisory interpretations of the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 8-1993 Second annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators entitled *Co-Authoring the Future* held.
- 8-1993 First grievance filed for review by the Mediator Qualifications Board.
- 12-1993 First annual meeting of the Mediator Qualifications Board held.
- 1-1994 Florida Bar Foundation awarded two-year grant to the Dade County Office of Public Service to establish Pro Se Divorce Mediation Pilot Project.
- 3-1994 County mediation training held in Citrus County to begin new program.
- 3-1994 Legislature created dependency and in-need-of-services mediation. Effective December 1995.
- 4-1994 Florida Supreme Court released opinion adopting revisions to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators and adopting Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators. Changes effective July 1, 1994.
- 5-1994 Public hearing on revisions to the mediation training program standards held by Florida Supreme Court Committee on Mediation/Arbitration Training.
- 7-1994 First Mediator Qualification Advisory Panel appointed.
- 7-1994 Seventh Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 7-1994 Mack Player resigned as director of education and research to become dean of Santa Clara Law School. Jean Sternlight, assistant professor at FSU College of Law, appointed as new director of education and research.
- 7-1994 Justice Parker Lee McDonald, liaison to the Mediation & Arbitration committees, retired from the court.
- 8-1994 First meeting of the Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel.
- 8-1994 Third annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Past the First Glance: The ADR Profession Evolving* held.
- 11-1994 County mediation training held in St. Lucie County to begin new program.
- 12-1994 County court mediation training held in Leon County for the inaugural class serving the needs of the new Neighborhood Justice Center.

1990's (Continued)

- 12-1994 Justice Charles T. Wells appointed as liaison to the Supreme Court mediation and arbitration committees.
- 1-1995 DRC's re-designed newsletter, *The Resolution Report*, makes its debut.
- 3-1995 The Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted revisions to the grievance procedures under the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 3-1995 County mediation training held in Duval County to begin new program.
- 5-1995 DRC sponsored Juvenile Arbitration training in Leon County.
- 5-1995 Florida Legislature adopted immunity provisions for all persons appointed to assist the Supreme Court in performing its mediator and arbitrator disciplinary functions.
- 6-1995 County mediation training held in Lake County to begin new program.
- 7-1995 Eighth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1995 *Mediation Works: Make It Work For You*, a divorce mediation orientation video produced by the DRC, made available for distribution.
- 8-1995 Fourth annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Communication: Beyond the Spoken Word* held.
- 10-1995 Revisions to the mediator grievance procedure under the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators adopted. Effective immediately.
- 11-1995 Family Law Rules of Procedure adopted with January 1996 effective date.
- 12-1995 Training Standards and Procedures adopted by the Supreme Court of Florida.
- 1-1996 Family Law Rules of Procedure effective. Family mediation rules of procedure moved from 1.740, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to 12.740 - 12.741, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.
- 4-1996 Training Standards and Procedures effective. Includes *Training and Certification Orientation* and *How to Critique a Role Play* videos produced by DRC.
- 6-1996 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed June 1, 1996, as Mediation Day in the state of Florida.
- 7-1996 Ninth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1996 Fifth annual statewide DRC Conference for mediators and arbitrators *The Difference in a Decade: The DRC Celebrates Ten Years* held.
- 1-1997 DRC received special award for Distinguished Contributions to the Field and Future of Dispute Resolution from the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- 1-1997 County Mediation Training Program held for new Flagler County program.
- 4-1997 Domestic Violence referral language in Chapter 44, Florida Statutes amended.

1990's (Continued)

- 5-1997 Mediation Programs for county and family judges conducted at Advanced Judicial Studies, Florida Judges' College.
- 6-1997 Oral Argument on Proposed Dependency Mediation Rules.
- 6-1997 First meeting of the Mediation Training Review Board.
- 7-1997 Tenth Edition of *Florida Mediation /Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 7-1997 Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators amended to include qualifications for dependency mediators. Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure amended to include procedural rules for dependency mediation.
- 9-1997 DRC holds annual conference in conjunction with the international Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution's (SPIDR) annual conference, *The Evolution of Dispute Resolution: SPIDR's Silver Anniversary*.
- 10-1997 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed October 20-26, 1997, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 2-1998 First meeting of the Committee on Mediation and Domestic Violence.
- 3-1998 Mediation Training Standards and Procedures amended to include training standards for dependency mediation training programs.
- 6-1998 Eleventh Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 6-1998 County mediation training held for new Columbia County program.
- 7-1998 Seventh annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Creating a Connection* held.
- 9-1998 First of three statewide DRC dependency mediation training programs conducted in Tampa.
- 10-1998 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed October 24-30, 1998, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 12-1998 Second statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Orlando.
- 1-1999 Third and final statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Fort Lauderdale.
- 5-1999 Tort Reform legislation adopted; effective October 1, 1999.
- 5-1999 Justice R. Fred Lewis named as liaison to Supreme Court Mediation and Arbitration Committees.
- 5-1999 Professor Jean Sternlight resigned as director of education and research to become a professor of law at the University of Missouri.
- 5-1999 The Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted petition to amend the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 6-1999 DRC held its first *County Mediator's Summit* on June 3-4 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort on Clearwater Beach.
- 8-1999 Twelfth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.

1990's (Continued)

- 8-1999 Eighth annual DRC conference for family, dependency and circuit mediators and arbitrators *Take the High Road: ADR Paves the Way* held.
- 10-1999 Tort Reform legislation became effective revising Chapter 44, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, to include a new ADR method, trial resolution judge.
- 11-1999 Governor Jeb Bush proclaimed November 5, 1999, as Mediation Day in the state of Florida.

2000's

- 2-2000 The Supreme Court of Florida published the amendments to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators with an effective date of April 1, 2000.
- 4-2000 The amendments to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators became effective. The Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel is renamed the Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee and the Qualifications Complaint Committee is created to reside over certification questions of good moral character.
- 6-2000 Statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Tampa.
- 7-2000 Thirteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 7-2000 First Qualifications Complaint Committee case referred.
- 8-2000 The ninth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Spanning the Spectrum* held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 11-2000 Governor Bush proclaimed November 1-7, 2000, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 1-2001 ADR+ Subcommittee of the Family Courts Steering Committee created, DRC to staff.
- 1-2001 Sharon Press received *8th Excellence in Conflict Resolution Award* from the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium.
- 3-2001 Justice Teaching Institute which included ADR sessions.
- 3-2001 First complaint filed with the Mediation Training Review Board.
- 6-2001 Chief Justice Wells creates Supreme Court Committee on ADR Rules as successor to the Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules, Judge Shawn Briese named as chair. Chief Justice Wells creates Supreme Court Committee on ADR Policy as successor to the Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Training, Judge Janet Ferris named as chair.
- 8-2001 Fourteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-2001 The tenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators *Dialogue and Diversity* held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 8-2001 The Uniform Mediation Act was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.
- 11-2001 Mediation Week in Florida is proclaimed by Governor Bush.

2000's (Continued)

- 1-2001 Robin L. Lubitz was named State Courts Administrator of Florida.
- 4-2002 Continuing Mediator Education (CME) became effective for all certified mediators.
- 6-2002 The Family Court Steering Committee submitted a petition to the Supreme Court of Florida to amend rule 12.610, Florida Family Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 8-2002 The eleventh annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators *Making An Impact: Empowerment Through Education* held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 8-2002 Fifteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 10-2002 Justice Charles Wells designated as Supreme Court liaison to the Committee on ADR Rules and Committee on ADR Policy.
- 11-2002 November 1 -7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 2-2003 County mediation training held for new Gadsden County mediation program.
- 5-2003 Rule 12.610, Florida Family Rules of Civil Procedure, amended to restrict use of mediation in domestic violence injunction cases.
- 5-2003 House Bill 113A, implementing Article V/Revision 7, enacted. Of particular significance, mediation and arbitration included on list of elements to be paid for by the state beginning in July 2004.
- 7-2003 Lisa Goodner named the State Court Administrator for Florida.
- 7-2003 Justice Anstead entered Administrative Order merging ADR Committees to create the Supreme Court Committee on ADR Rules and Policy co-chaired by Judge Shawn Briese and Judge Janet Ferris.
- 8-2003 First meeting of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee.
- 8-2003 Sixteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 10-2003 DRC holds annual conference in conjunction with the Association for Conflict Resolution entitled *The World of Conflict Resolution: A Mosaic of Possibilities*.
- 11-2003 November 1 -7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 7-2004 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, is revised in the areas of arbitrator compensation, funding of mediation and arbitration programs and mediation confidentiality.
- 7-2004 Article V, Revision 7 constitutional amendment becomes effective implementing statewide funding of the court system including mediation and arbitration.
- 7-2004 Seventeenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-2004 The thirteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Framing Our Future* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 11-2004 November 1-7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.

2000's (Continued)

- 11-2004 The Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee submitted its final report and recommendations relating to senior judges serving as mediators to the Florida Supreme Court.
- 3-2005 Legislative proclamation honoring county volunteer mediators sponsored by House Representative John Quinones.
- 5-2005 The Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee submitted amendments to the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators and the Administrative Order Governing Certification to the Florida Supreme Court. Amendments to the qualifications for mediator certification and rules of discipline are recommended.
- 5-2005 *The Resolution Report Online*, debuts on www.flcourts.org.
- 6-2005 The Florida Supreme Court conducts oral argument on the Senior Judges Serving as Mediators Report. The Honorable Shawn Briese, Chair, of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee, appears on behalf of the committee.
- 7-2005 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, is modified in the areas of arbitrator compensation and funding of mediation and arbitration programs.
- 7-2005 Eighteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-2005 First Edition of the *ADR Resource Handbook* published.
- 8-2005 The fourteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Great Expectations* is held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2005 October 16-22 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 10-2005 County mediation training held in Hernando County to begin a new mediation program.
- 11-2005 Supreme Court issued its opinion In Re: Report of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee on Senior Judges as Mediators, SC04-2482. The opinion requires senior judges who are mediators to become certified mediators
- 2-2006 Oral Argument in SC05-998 ADR Rules and Policy Committee petition to amend Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed mediators and CME requirements.
- 5-2006 Supreme Court issued its opinion In Re: Petition of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee on Amendments to Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, SC05-998. The opinion adopts the "point system" as a basis for mediator certification, effective August 2006, changes CME requirements, adopts revision to standards of conduct in rules of discipline. Circuit mediator qualifications remain pending.
- 7-2006 Dispute Management Inc. (DMI) conducted its last training as a certified mediation training provider. DMI has been continuously certified since 1988 to conduct mediation trainings in Florida.
- 8-2006 The fifteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Honoring Our Past...Celebrating Our Future* is held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2006 October 15-21 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.

2000's (Continued)

12-2006 Senior Judges as Mediators Ethics Program offered for first time pursuant to Supreme Court opinion in SC04-2482.

5-2007 Second Oral Argument in SC05-998.

5-2007 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes Court-ordered, nonbinding arbitration section (44.103) amended effective October 1, 2007.