

THE UNDERSIGNED judges of the Circuit Court of Illinois, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, pursuant to the authority vested in them by Rule 21(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the rules herein as the Rules of Practice of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, to become effective April 1, 2007; amended October 1, 2008.



Michael T. Mallon
Chief Judge



Michael P. Bald
Circuit Judge



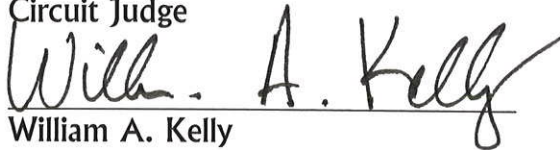
Daniel A. Fish
Circuit Judge



Val Gunnarsson
Circuit Judge



Ronald M. Jacobson
Circuit Judge



William A. Kelly
Circuit Judge



Stephen C. Pemberton
Circuit Judge



Theresa L. Ursin
Circuit Judge

Rule 9A.6 Qualifications for Mediators.

(a) Requirements. Mediators shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) **Formal Education.** A degree in law or a graduate degree in a field that includes the study of psychiatry, psychology, social work, human development, family counseling or other behavioral science substantially related to marriage and family interpersonal relationships; and
- (2) **Training.** Specialized training in family mediation consisting of a court approved course of study or certification, to consist of at least 40 hours in the following areas:
 - (i) Conflict resolution;
 - (ii) Psychological issues in separation, dissolution, and family dynamics;
 - (iii) Issues and needs of children in dissolutions; and
 - (iv) Mediation process and techniques;
- (3) **Insurance.** Professional liability insurance which covers the mediation process.

(b) Continuing Education. Approved mediators are required to complete ten (10) hours of circuit-approved continuing education every two (2) years and provide evidence of completion to the Chief Judge every two (2) years.