Curriculum Vitae

Debbie Schmidt

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Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice Studies, 2007
Royal Roads University, Victoria, B.C

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Certificate in Conflict Management, 2005
Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society, Edmonton, AB
Assessments completed in mediation and negotiation

Designations

Chartered Mediator, 2012

Employment

Family Mediator, 2008-present
AB Justice and Solicitor General

- I have been the sole mediator in approximately 500 mediations of family law issues, many involving family violence.
- We have a very collaborative work environment that encourages the ongoing sharing and development of best practices among the staff mediators.
- I was tasked with reviewing files completed by contract mediators of AB Justice. The files are reviewed to ensure good mediator practice was followed in the mediation process and writing of the mediated agreement.
- I helped develop and offer a 40 hour training course on basic mediation skills to AB Justice employees from across Alberta

Community and Volunteer Involvement

Parent Teen Mediation Program, Catholic Social Services, 2006-2013
On a roster of mediators providing mediation to parents and teens in conflict.

Mediation Inter Agency Network, 2009-2013
I represented the family mediation program of AB Justice in this organization of government and not for profit agencies involved in ADR. The goal is to network and share resources to raise the profile and quality of mediation programs in the greater Edmonton area

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Ethics Group, 2011-present
I participate in an informal group of experienced mediation practitioners looking at mediation ethics and how ethics informs our practice as mediators.

Professional Associations

ADRIA and ADRIC

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)