

# ***BASIC FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING***

*Clarion Hotel*

*Shepherdstown, West Virginia*

*August 7-11, 2017*

*An intensive, interactive 40-hour training program  
for attorneys, counselors, therapists, social workers, and others  
who desire to serve as Family Mediators in West Virginia.*



Co-sponsors

Potomac Mediation Services  
and  
Professor Tom Patrick  
WVU College of Law

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## *The Family—The Fuss—and The Forum*

*Family conflict, if unattended or unmanaged, is costly and destructive. At best, relationships are damaged and inefficiencies abound. At par, civil litigation is spawned, and the impact ripples—it often avalanches—far beyond the litigants themselves. At worst, egocentric behavior erupts into severe injury or loss of life. Mediation is emerging as an appropriate dispute resolution forum. It is especially appropriate for those who must continue in their relationships as parents long after their “case” has been decided.*

*West Virginia family courts require mediation to help the parties resolve many domestic relations issues on their own. This training will equip a cadre of family law mediators to serve in West Virginia’s Family Court Circuits as these mediation initiatives are developed.*

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### **Faculty**

Professor Tom Patrick, J.D.  
WVU College of Law

Donna Maciorowski, LPC, NCC, CTT  
Potomac Mediation Services  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

April Dowler, J. D., Former Family Law Master—Circuit 24

Amy Wilson Strange, Ph. D.  
Family Matters Psychological Services, PLLC  
Lost Creek, West Virginia

. . . and others who will lead small group exercises and coach the development of mediation skills.

### **Program†**

This will be a stimulating workshop; participants will develop mediation skills through several hours of interactive, small-group instruction and mediation exercises. The program is intense—five full days of instruction and practice including

*Day 1* Overview of Mediation & Conflict Resolution

*Day 2* West Virginia Domestic Relations Law

*Day 3* Parent Education & the Psychological Impact of Divorce upon Children

*Day 4* Domestic Violence & Family Mediation

*Day 5* Marketing, Professionalism, and Ethics  
[course ends at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Friday]

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†**For additional information**, please contact Professor Patrick at (304) 293-2871 or [tom.patrick@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:tom.patrick@mail.wvu.edu).

### **Registration**

*Tuition for the Basic Family Mediation Training is \$985. and includes all materials and refreshments each day. Continuing education units may be obtained upon request. Enrollment is limited; in order to ensure enrollment in this training, participants should register as soon as possible by returning the registration form to Donna Maciorowski at the address provided.*

*The training workshop will be conducted at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. For reservations and directions, visit [www.clarionshepherdstown.com/](http://www.clarionshepherdstown.com/) or contact the hotel directly at 304-876-7000. A block of rooms under “Potomac Mediation Services” are available at \$94.00 + 12% tax, single or double occupancy. Rooms are also available at the nearby Quality Inn at \$84.99 + tax--304-876-3160. A free shuttle service between the hotels will be available.*

### **Requirements to become an Approved Family Court Mediator by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals**

*bachelors degree  
40- Hour Basic Family Mediation Training \*  
4 hours of instruction on West Virginia Family Law \*  
4 hours of instruction on domestic violence \*  
2 family mediation observations ‡  
3 family mediation co-mediations ‡  
mediator malpractice insurance (information provided)*

*\*included in the Basic Family Mediation Training  
‡must be scheduled in various circuits following the training; there may be some optional opportunities for observation in the evenings during this training.*

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*Registration information [this form]  
and tuition\*\* should be mailed to*

Donna J. Maciorowski, Mediator & Trainer  
Potomac Mediation Services  
Post Office Box 165  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia 25443  
304-620-2708  
donnamac@frontiernet.net

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ home  
\_\_\_\_\_ work  
\_\_\_\_\_ cell  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- \$985–Tuition enclosed\*\*
- \$550–Tuition deposit enclosed\*\* [\$435  
balance due 14 days prior to the training]
- \$195–Tuition enclosed\*\* for West Virginia  
Domestic Relations Law (Day 2) only  
[for registrants who have previously completed  
a 40-hour Divorce Mediation Training Program]

**\*\*Make checks payable to  
Potomac Mediation Services**

**\*Print your name as you would like it to  
appear on your name tag.**

- I desire continuing educational credit  
from the following professional entity:‡

Note: Lodging reservations must be made  
by the participant.

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[address]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[telephone]

‡Approval for LPC, Social Work, and Legal  
Continuing Education is pending.

I can not attend this training, but I would like to receive information  
about future family mediation training workshops.

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*people talk . . . people listen . . . things change*