



Introduction to Mediation 6 Module Program

Module 5: SK Family Law

Course Content & Overview

Course Content:

- Assignments:
 - Recorded Lecture 1
 - Nature of conflict and conflict management theory and principles
 - Role of counsel or other professionals in ADR process
 - Encouraging opportunities for recognition and ensuring all parties have an opportunity to participate in the process
 - Identifying areas of consensus and disagreement
 - Identifying principles and criteria to assist in decision-making
 - Avoiding personal opinions or value judgments and maintain neutrality and integrity
 - Case management: review documents and information received, timetable for dealing with preparatory matters and conduct of the mediation, bring the engagement to completion, and achieve settlement
 - Recorded Lecture 2
 - Nature of conflict and conflict management theory and principles
 - Dealing with complex factual materials
 - Forming relationships and building rapport
 - Reframing
 - Dealing with impasses by utilizing appropriate tools and techniques and steer the process to settlement
 - Establishing and maintaining parties' right to self-determination
 - Competence and knowing when to refer cases
 - Reading Materials to accompany Lecture 1
 - Divorce Act
 - The Divorce Act Changes Explained
 - Strengthening and modernizing Canada's family justice system
 - Fact Sheet – Family dispute resolution: resolving family law issues out of court
 - Parenting arrangement after separation or divorce
 - Fact Sheet – Divorce and Family Violence
 - Fact Sheet – A Child's View and Preferences
 - Fact Sheet – Duties for Parents and Others
 - Moving after separation and divorce?

- The Family Maintenance Act
 - The Family Maintenance Act Regulations
 - The Family Property Act
 - *We understand that reading legislation is boring and time consuming; please become familiar with these documents, however, do not stress if you do not read everything “cover to cover”*
- Reading Material to accompany Lecture 2
 - Rights of children
 - The Children’s Law Act
 - The Children’s Law Act Regulations
 - Convention on the Rights of the child
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- Audio/Visual Materials to accompany Lecture 1
 - Divorce and Separation: Where to Start, by Department of Justice Canada
- Audio/Visual Materials to accompany Lecture 2
 - Family Matters – Assisting Families through Separation and Divorce, by skgovskjustice
- Essay Assignment to accompany Lecture 1
 - Do common-law spouses enjoy the same rights as legally married people? What legislation applies to common-law spouses?
 - 500 – 1,000 Words, 3 References, and post to the course’s Slack channel
- Essay Assignment to accompany Lecture 2
 - Are there rights of children that are not considered in the separation and divorce process?
 - 500 – 1,000 Words, 3 References, and post to the course’s Slack channel
- Reflective Journal Video to accompany Lecture 1
 - Record a 5-minute video of reflecting upon first section of learning materials
- Reflective Journal Video to accompany Lecture 2
 - Record a 5-minute video of reflecting upon second section of learning materials
- 1 Hour Roleplay Video Assignment
 - Using the Roleplay materials within the course, use some volunteers to practice the mediation process, recording it as a video.
 - Post to the course’s Slack channel

- Written Reflective Journal
 - Write your reflections about the entirety of the course
 - Approximately 500 words and post to the course's Slack channel