



LAW SOCIETY
OF SOUTH AFRICA



LEGAL EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



DIVORCE MEDIATION | 2019

Intensive 5-Day Course | 40-hours

Learn the techniques to develop a reputation for skilled, cost-efficient resolution of client problems

Introduction

With the formal introduction of Court-Annexed Mediation, it is in the interest of legal practitioners to familiarise themselves with the process and techniques of mediation. In December 2014 Court Annexed Mediation was introduced in 12 Magistrates' Courts pilot sites (9 in Gauteng and 3 in the North West Province) pursuant to the Court Mediation Rules. In 2019, based on the lessons and experiences learnt from the pilot, the Court Annexed Mediation services will be extended to the Regional Courts in the remaining five provinces, namely, Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape, from the date to be gazetted by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services during February 2019. [Read more here.](#)

LEAD's mediation courses are primarily designed to prepare legal practitioners and candidate legal practitioners to be mediators and to advise clients on the mediation process. When designing the course content, the Standards for Civil Mediation were taken into account.

About the course

This 5-day course deals specifically with divorce mediation. Divorce mediation requires practitioners who are personable and articulate and who have good listening skills. For effective mediation, it is also advantageous if the practitioner has practical experience in working with divorcing couples.

Whether you wish to practise as a mediator or be in a position to advise your clients or represent them at mediations, you will benefit greatly from attending the course.

Venues and dates

Durban: 18-22 February 2019

Cape Town: 20-24 May 2019

Midrand: 17-19 & 22-23 July 2019

Bloemfontein: 22-26 July 2019

Who should register?

All candidate and legal practitioners, especially (but not exclusively) those involved in divorce litigation. Registration will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. **Book now as only 20 participants can be accommodated per centre.**

Outline of the programme

Success in today's legal environment requires mastering a variety of techniques to help clients achieve a cost-effective solution to their disputes. The programme will include:

- General introduction to mediation and legal background
- The effects of divorce on adults and children
- Basic communication skills
- The agreement to mediate
- Stages in the mediation process
- Specific issues such as confidentiality, side meetings, dealing with deadlock and manipulation
- Setting the agenda
- The children, including parenting plans, and the children's participation in the mediation process
- Financial implications of divorce – dealing with issues of maintenance and distribution of assets and liabilities
- Domestic violence
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Legal ethics

Accreditation

The event conforms to the **standards for Court-Annexed Mediation** published by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and accredited by the National Board of Family Mediators (NABFAM). Please note that participants will be entitled to apply for accreditation as divorce mediators and not as court mediators, which requires other training.

IMPORTANT: All participants are required to attend the full 40-hour (5-day) course for which they will receive a Certificate of Attendance from LEAD. This will enable them to apply to their local service provider for accreditation as Divorce Mediators. Participants who fail to attend the full event will not receive a Certificate of Attendance.

Registration

Registration fee categories (VAT inclusive)

The registration fees are substantially subsidised for practising attorneys and candidate attorneys. The fees include event material and refreshments.

- **Practising legal practitioners:**
R5 900.00 per person
- **Legal practitioners from practices further than 150km from closest venue:**
R5 100.00 per person
- **Candidate legal practitioners and support staff:**
R4 800.00 per person
- **Non-practising legal practitioners/others:**
R8 900.00 per person

Registration closing

Registration closes 48 hours before the event. Late registration can be made with LEAD approval.

How to register

Email the completed fillable registration form as well as your EFT **proof of payment** to annelie@LSSALEAD.org.za.

Cancellation clauses

Cancellation by delegate

To cancel your registration, e-mail annelie@LSSALEAD.org.za at least 48 hours before the course start date to avoid being liable for the full fee. Refunds must be claimed in writing within 15 business days after cancellation.

Cancellation by LEAD

If you want to attend this programme, please book as soon as possible as LEAD reserves the right to cancel a learning activity should the number of delegates not justify the costs involved. Registered delegates will be given reasonable notice of cancellation.

Contact the course administrator

For more information about this course, contact Tamara Sihlangu at E: tamara@LSSALEAD.org.za or on T: 012 441 4673/00

Please take note

- Registration will be confirmed by LEAD only if the proof of payment has been received.
- The venue for this event will be confirmed with registration confirmation. Please wait for the confirmation before you make your travel and accommodation arrangements.
- Fees must be paid to the designated Law Society of South Africa's (LSSA) bank account (FNB Pretoria: Account number: 6200 9641 079). The LSSA will not accept liability if fees are paid into any other account.
- Any person who has registered for an event and fails to cancel (in writing) at least 48 hours before the event date, shall be held liable for the full fee.
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Other training offered by LEAD

LEAD's full training calendar, brochures and registration forms are available on the website: www.LSSALEAD.org.za

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REGISTRATION FORM

5-Day Divorce Mediation Course – 2019



Complete this form and e-mail it together with proof of payment to annelie@LSSALEAD.org.za

Venues and dates (Select your choice with a ✓ on the box to the left of the venue's name)

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Your details

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Special dietary requirements (if any):															
If you are disabled, how can we assist you at the venue?															
Where did you hear about the event?															

EFT Payment (Registration will be confirmed only if the proof of payment has been received)

Payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT)										Amount:					
Account Name: Law Society of South Africa Bank: FNB Pretoria Branch Code: 251445 Account: 6200 9641 079 Reference: NAME & SURNAME and CELL NO															

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