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FOREWORD

In 1988, the Florida Legislature provided civil trial judges with the statutory authority to refer civil cases to mediation or arbitration. Judges could refer any, all, or none of their cases subject to the rules and procedures set forth by the Supreme Court. Since that transforming event in the history of Florida's courts, the Florida Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), a unit of the Office of the State Court Administrator, has sought to capture and report these court-connected activities.

This year marks the 21st edition of the DRC's annual publication of *Florida's Mediation & Arbitration Programs: A Compendium*. This edition, as all the editions that preceded it, is the result of the cooperation of the many ADR Directors and Mediation Services Coordinators across Florida's 20 circuits.

The statistical data for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was captured using an electronic survey spreadsheet created in Microsoft Excel. The spreadsheet was formatted to meet the American's with Disabilities Act Section 508 accessibility standards [Section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d) as amended in 1998] for electronic and information technology. Thanks to all for your patience as well as your assistance in helping to bring this publication to fruition. A 'special' thanks to Carol Williams, the Fourth Circuit Mediation Services Coordinator and Betty White, the ADR Director in the Fifth Circuit for assisting with the beta testing of the new survey questionnaire.

The *Compendium* functions as a user friendly resource for judges, court administrators, mediators, arbitrators, attorneys, educators and others who wish to learn more about Florida's court-related dispute resolution processes. The information and data collection displayed in the *Compendium* provide a panoramic view of the unique character of each of more than 100 mediation and arbitration programs across the state.

Please note: In previous editions of the *Compendium*, information about the various boards and committees created by the Supreme Court for the purpose of: making policy and reviewing rules (Supreme Court's Committee on ADR Rules and Policy), considering ethics questions and writing formal opinions (Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee), and hearing grievances filed against mediators (Mediator Qualifications Board) was included. Due to the fact that membership on these various committees can change fairly often during the course of a year, it was decided that the information was best accessed on the web which provides for more accurate information and reflects any recent changes. Go to http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/adr/publications.html for a directory of board and committee membership.

The Compendium has not been published since the winter of 2007 due to changes in administration at the DRC, budget cuts and scarce resources. The DRC recognizes that the collection of the statewide mediation and arbitration statistical data provides valuable information not only to the circuits throughout the state; but also to other states and sometimes foreign countries attempting to establish mediation programs in their venue.

The *Compendium* continues to reflect the commitment of Florida's leaders to serve the public, even during these difficult economic times, by providing court-connected alternatives for the resolution of disputes. It also reflects the hard and challenging work and dedication of Florida's many civic-minded citizens who serve in mediation programs as volunteers. The Dispute Resolution Center commends all who have contributed to or assisted others in finding peaceful alternatives to conflict resolution in Florida.

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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY

Over the past 30 years, the Florida State Court System's dedication to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and offering litigants court-connected opportunities to resolve their disputes without judicial intervention has resulted in one of the most comprehensive court-connected mediation programs in the country. The first citizen dispute settlement (CDS) centers were created in the 1970's to address community and neighborhood disputes. In the mid 1980's, the Florida Legislature created a study commission on the use of alternative dispute resolution in Florida's courts. The Florida Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) was also created during the mid 1980's to provide assistance to the courts in developing ADR programs and to conduct education and research on ADR in general. On January 1, 1988, comprehensive revisions to Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, entitled "Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action," was implemented. This legislation granted civil trial judges the statutory authority to refer cases to mediation or arbitration, subject to rules and procedures established by the Supreme Court of Florida. Since then, the statute has been revised several times and procedural rules, ethical standards, grievance procedures, training standards, and continuing education requirements for mediators have been implemented.

FINANCING AND SERVICES STATEWIDE

The Florida State Court System consists of 20 judicial circuits that comprise Florida's 67 counties. Prior to July 2004, ADR programs in Florida were funded by the counties. This resulted in great variations of ADR service across the state. Generally, single county circuits provided litigants with access to a wide variety of ADR programs; while in multi-county circuits, ADR services were offered in some, but not all, of the counties; thereby leaving some counties with no services. In a constitutional amendment implemented on July 1, 2004, the funding for the state court system became the responsibility of the state. The goal was and is for litigants to have access to "essential" services regardless of where they live in the state.

THIS EDITION OF THE COMPENDIUM

Since 2005-2006, the Compendium reports data on a fiscal year basis rather than a calendar year. In this edition of the Compendium, FY 2009 -10, statistics were reported from the following ADR programs:

- ◆ 8 Citizen Dispute Settlement Centers (CDS)
- ◆ 54 County Mediation Programs
- ◆ 64 Family Mediation Programs
- ◆ 47 Dependency Mediation Programs
- ◆ 1 Appellate Mediation Program (Currently, only the Fifth District Court of Appeals offers mediation of appellate cases.)
- ◆ 8 Non-Binding Arbitration Programs

CERTIFICATION

The Supreme Court of Florida, through the DRC, offers certification for mediators in the areas of county court, family, circuit court, dependency and, most recently, appellate cases. In most cases, parties select the mediator of their own choice. However, certified mediators may receive appointments from the court when the litigants are unable to select their own mediator. Certified mediators and those individuals who are not certified but who mediate court-ordered cases are bound by the ethical standards contained in the *Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators*. Mediators renew their certification every two years and must complete 16 hours of continuing mediator education applicable to each area of certification. The Supreme Court does not certify arbitrators; however, court-appointed arbitrators are bound by the *Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators*.

As of June 30, 2011,

- ◆ There were 6,234 individuals certified as mediators. The breakdown by certification is as follows:
 - 2748 certified county mediators
 - 2128 certified family mediators
 - 3500 certified circuit mediators
 - 221 certified dependency mediators
 - 238 certified appellate mediators

MEDIATION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

In an effort to keep pace with this rapidly evolving field, the Supreme Court of Florida created four standing ADR Committees/Boards. All of the following Committees/Boards are staffed by the DRC:

- ◆ The Florida Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules & Policy (ADR R&P) is charged with monitoring and making recommendations to improve and expand the use of court-connected ADR (not limited to mediation) through the adoption of statutes, rules, policies, and procedures;
- ◆ The Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) issues formal advisory ethics opinions to certified and court-appointed mediators. These opinions are posted on the DRC website for use by mediators as well as courts, attorneys and the general public;
- ◆ The Mediator Qualifications Board (MQB) is responsible for hearing grievances filed against certified mediators and reviewing mediator good moral character issues (this task is the responsibility of the Qualifications Complaint Committee, a subset of the MQB);
- ◆ The Mediation Training Review Board (MTRB) reviews complaints against certified mediation training programs and training program principals.

While this *Compendium* provides an overview of state court-connected mediation and arbitration programs, there are a variety of ADR programs operating successfully throughout the state which are beyond the scope of this publication, including mediation programs established in state and executive branch agencies.

FLORIDA ADR HISTORY

1970's

- 5-1975 First Citizen Dispute Settlement (CDS) Program created in Florida began operation in Dade County.
- 10-1975 First Juvenile Arbitration/Mediation Program created in Florida began operating in Duval County.
- 4-1976 Legislation on citizen dispute settlement and juvenile arbitration filed in the Florida Legislature for the first time.
- 6-1977 Juvenile arbitration statute passed with an effective date of July 1, 1977.
- 7-1977 Supreme Court received federal grant to establish a state-level office responsible for providing technical assistance, research and training to courts relating to citizen dispute settlement and other dispute resolution alternatives.
- 1-1978 Chief Justice Overton appointed first Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution Alternatives and designated Justice Hatchett as its chairman.
- 3-1978 First meeting of the Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution Alternatives (the Committee went on to meet 18 times over the next two years and concluded its work in December of 1981).
- 4-1978 First legislation on family mediation is filed in the Florida Legislature.
- 1-1979 First edition of the Citizen Dispute Settlement Guidelines Manual published.
- 2-1979 First Family Mediation Program created in Florida began operating in Dade County.
- 6-1979 First statewide conference on Dispute Resolution Alternatives sponsored by the Supreme Court held in Orlando.
- 6-1979 First public information film on citizen dispute settlement produced and made available to courts and county officials to assist in promoting the establishment of citizen dispute settlement programs.

1980's

- 8-1980 First empirical evaluation report of CDS Programs in Florida published.
- 9-1980 First empirical evaluation of juvenile mediation/arbitration programs published.
- 1-1981 Second edition of the *Citizen Dispute Settlement Guideline Manual* published.
- 3-1981 First *Citizen Dispute Settlement Mediator Training Manual, Instructor's Guide for Training Mediators*, and four mediation training videotapes published and distributed to all existing CDS programs.
- 10-1981 First statewide Mediator Training Program sponsored by the Supreme Court held in Orlando.
- 6-1982 Family mediation statute passed with an effective date of June 1, 1982.

1980's (Continued)

- 1-1983 Supreme Court's Matrimonial Law Commission issued final report and recommended mandatory mediation of all custody/visitation issues in a dissolution of marriage proceeding.
- 6-1983 First Summary Jury Trial held in Florida in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 7-1983 Supreme Court received federal grant to study juvenile arbitration programs in Florida. Final report of this project published in March 1984.
- 7-1984 The Florida Legislature created the Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- 3-1985 Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution issued first report recommending comprehensive mediation/arbitration program for Florida's trial courts.
- 6-1985 CDS statute passed with an effective date of October 1, 1985.
- 1-1986 First Circuit Civil Mediation Program began operations in Lee County.
- 1-1986 Florida Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) created by the Supreme Court and Florida State University College of Law. Mike Bridenback named director; Jim Alfini named director of education and research.
- 2-1986 Study Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution issued final report which included proposed legislation on court-ordered mediation and arbitration.
- 4-1986 Legislation encompassing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Study Commission's recommendations filed for the first time in the Florida Legislature.
- 7-1986 DRC issued first newsletter.
- 12-1986 DRC received grant from the Florida Bar Foundation to evaluate summary jury trial process.
- 6-1987 Comprehensive mediation/arbitration statute passed with an effective date of January 1, 1988.
- 6-1987 Legislature approved funding of an ADR Demonstration Project in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 7-1987 Chief Justice McDonald appointed special committee to draft court rules in response to the passage of court-ordered mediation/arbitration statute.
- 7-1987 First Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 10-1987 Mediation/Arbitration Committee submitted proposed mediation/ arbitration rules to Supreme Court. Oral arguments held December 1987.
- 2-1988 DRC sponsored national seminar on mediation in the judicial environment funded by a grant from the National Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- 4-1988 First Arbitration Training Program sponsored by the DRC was held in response to the training requirement set forth in court rules.
- 6-1988 ADR Pilot Project began operating in Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

1980's (Continued)

- 6-1988 Chief Justice McDonald appointed Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Training and the first Mediation Training Programs sponsored by the Supreme Court were held in response to the training requirements set forth in the court rules relating to mediation.
- 8-1988 Sharon Press hired as associate director of the DRC.
- 1-1989 County Judges Conference on Mediation Skills held in Jacksonville.
- 2-1989 First statewide Mediation/Arbitration Program Directors Meeting held.
- 2-1989 Additional training program standards recommended to Supreme Court. Effective date: September 1989.
- 4-1989 First use of packaged county mediation training program in Pensacola. Package containing mediation manual, trainer's manual and tapes sent to all county mediation programs.
- 5-1989 Mediation/arbitration supplemental legislation passed—absolute immunity granted to all court mediators and arbitrators; arbitration fee \$200 per day; county court filing fee authorized for funding mediation program, and restriction on referrals to family mediation. Effective January 1, 1990.
- 6-1989 First county Train-the-Trainer Program held in Tallahassee.
- 7-1989 Appellate mediation program created in the Fourth District Court of Appeal through a grant from the State Justice Institute.
- 7-1989 Second Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1989 Supreme Court appointed Standing Committee on Mediation/Arbitration Rules to look into legislation, rule revisions, and standard of conduct for mediators and arbitrators.
- 8-1989 Monograph on Summary Jury Trials published.
- 9-1989 Additional mediation training program standards became effective—all trainers to re-apply for certification.
- 10-1989 Public hearing on rule changes held in Orlando.
- 12-1989 Supreme Court Standing Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submits final report on recommended rule changes and a standard of conduct for mediators to the court.

1990's

- 1-1990 DRC hired as consultants to the Legislative Study Commission on Mobile Homes to study dispute resolution mechanisms for mobile homes.
- 2-1990 Oral argument on the proposed rule revisions.
- 3-1990 Pilot train-the-trainer program for family and circuit mediation trainers.

1990's (Continued)

- 4-1990 Consultant's report on dispute resolution system for mobile homes submitted to the Legislative Study Commission on Mobile Homes.
- 6-1990 1990 Legislature passed amendments to Chapter 44, effective October 1, 1990. Changes include statewide certification, authorization for increased funding potential and reorganization of the chapter.
- 6-1990 Supreme Court of Florida issues opinion number 75,151 adopting revisions to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Effective July 1990.
- 7-1990 Third Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 12-1990 Statewide certification of mediators initiated.
- 4-1991 Sharon Press promoted to director of the DRC.
- 6-1991 Fourth DCA Appellate Mediation program ceased operations.
- 7-1991 Fourth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1991 Jim Alfini resigned as the director of education and research to become dean of Northern Illinois College of Law.
- 9-1991 Former Chief Justice Raymond Ehrlich appointed jurist-in-residence for FSU College of Law. Coordination with and study of the Dispute Resolution Center one component of his appointment.
- 10-1991 Sharon Press elected regional vice-president for the Southeast Region of the Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution.
- 11-1991 Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted report and final recommendations for Standards of Conduct and Rules of Discipline for all Supreme Court certified and court-appointed mediators. Oral arguments scheduled for April 1992.
- 11-1991 Sharon Press invited to travel to Argentina and Uruguay as AmPart funded by the Argentine Ministry of Justice and US AID. Press conducted mediation and negotiation training, delivered lecture on ADR and interviewed for national news media.
- 1-1992 DRC conducted first school mediation training program in Leon County. Ten Cobb Middle School students and a teacher coordinator trained.
- 1-1992 DRC assisted Informal Dispute Resolution Division of Worker's Compensation in developing mediation/negotiation training program for staff. Training conducted from January through June.
- 2-1992 DRC initiated conflict resolution curriculum in Leon County Elementary School (Kate Sullivan).
- 4-1992 County mediation training held in Osceola County to begin new program.
- 4-1992 Professor Mack Player named new director of education and research for DRC.
- 5-1992 Florida Supreme Court released opinion adopting Standards of Conduct and Rules of Discipline for Supreme Court Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators. Effective immediately.

1990's (Continued)

- 6-1992 County mediation training held in Orange County to begin new program.
- 7-1992 Fifth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 9-1992 DRC debuted its first statewide conference for mediators and arbitrators entitled *Ethics in Dispute Resolution*.
- 12-1992 Chief Justice made first appointments to the Mediator Qualifications Board. Regional meetings held in Tallahassee, Tampa and Fort Lauderdale.
- 1-1993 County mediation training held in Seminole County to begin new program.
- 5-1993 County mediation training held in Alachua County to begin new program.
- 6-1993 Justice in the 21st Century Conference held in Tampa.
- 6-1993 Florida representatives attended National Institute Technical Assistance Workshop for Southern States.
- 7-1993 Sixth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1993 Supreme Court Standing Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted petition for revisions to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure including rule amendments for county mediation procedure; a proposed code of conduct and rules of discipline for court arbitrators; and recommendation for the creation of a Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel to provide advisory interpretations of the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 8-1993 Second annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators entitled *Co-Authoring the Future* held.
- 8-1993 First grievance filed for review by the Mediator Qualifications Board.
- 12-1993 First annual meeting of the Mediator Qualifications Board held.
- 1-1994 Florida Bar Foundation awarded two-year grant to the Dade County Bar Office of Public Service to establish Pro Se Family Mediation Pilot Project with Janice M. Fleischer as Director.
- 3-1994 County mediation training held in Citrus County to begin new program.
- 3-1994 Legislature created dependency and in-need-of-services mediation. Effective December 1995.
- 4-1994 Florida Supreme Court released opinion adopting revisions to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators and adopting Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators. Changes effective July 1, 1994.
- 5-1994 Public hearing on revisions to the mediation training program standards held by Florida Supreme Court Committee on Mediation/Arbitration Training.
- 7-1994 First Mediator Qualification Advisory Panel appointed.
- 7-1994 Seventh Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.

1990's (Continued)

- 7-1994 Mack Player resigned as director of education and research to become dean of Santa Clara Law School. Jean Sternlight, assistant professor at FSU College of Law, appointed as new director of education and research.
- 7-1994 Justice Parker Lee McDonald, liaison to the Mediation & Arbitration committees, retired from the court.
- 8-1994 First meeting of the Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel.
- 8-1994 Third annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Past the First Glance: The ADR Profession Evolving* held.
- 11-1994 County mediation training held in St. Lucie County to begin new program.
- 12-1994 County court mediation training held in Leon County for the inaugural class serving the needs of the new Neighborhood Justice Center.
- 12-1994 Justice Charles T. Wells appointed as liaison to the Supreme Court mediation and arbitration committees.
- 1-1995 DRC's re-designed newsletter, *The Resolution Report*, makes its debut.
- 3-1995 The Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted revisions to the grievance procedures under the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 3-1995 County mediation training held in Duval County to begin new program.
- 5-1995 DRC sponsored Juvenile Arbitration training in Leon County.
- 5-1995 Florida Legislature adopted immunity provisions for all persons appointed to assist the Supreme Court in performing its mediator and arbitrator disciplinary functions.
- 6-1995 County mediation training held in Lake County to begin new program.
- 7-1995 Eighth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1995 *Mediation Works: Make It Work For You*, a divorce mediation orientation video produced by the DRC, made available for distribution.
- 8-1995 Fourth annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Communication: Beyond the Spoken Word* held.
- 10-1995 Revisions to the mediator grievance procedure under the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators adopted. Effective immediately.
- 11-1995 Family Law Rules of Procedure adopted with January 1996 effective date.
- 12-1995 Training Standards and Procedures adopted by the Supreme Court of Florida.
- 1-1996 Family Law Rules of Procedure effective. Family mediation rules of procedure moved from 1.740, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to 12.740 - 12.741, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

1990's (Continued)

- 4-1996 Training Standards and Procedures effective. Includes *Training and Certification Orientation* and *How to Critique a Role Play* videos produced by DRC.
- 6-1996 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed June 1, 1996, as Mediation Day in the state of Florida.
- 7-1996 First DCA Appellate Mediation program created utilizing state funds.
- 7-1996 Ninth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1996 Fifth annual statewide DRC Conference for mediators and arbitrators *The Difference in a Decade: The DRC Celebrates Ten Years* held.
- 1-1997 DRC received special award for Distinguished Contributions to the Field and Future of Dispute Resolution from the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- 1-1997 County Mediation Training Program held for new Flagler County program.
- 4-1997 Domestic Violence referral language in Chapter 44, Florida Statutes amended.
- 5-1997 Mediation Programs for county and family judges conducted at Advanced Judicial Studies, Florida Judges' College.
- 6-1997 Oral Argument on Proposed Dependency Mediation Rules.
- 6-1997 First meeting of the Mediation Training Review Board.
- 7-1997 Tenth Edition of *Florida Mediation /Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 7-1997 Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators amended to include qualifications for dependency mediators. Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure amended to include procedural rules for dependency mediation.
- 9-1997 DRC holds annual conference in conjunction with the international Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution's (SPIDR) annual conference, *The Evolution of Dispute Resolution: SPIDR's Silver Anniversary*.
- 10-1997 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed October 20-26, 1997, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 2-1998 First meeting of the Committee on Mediation and Domestic Violence.
- 3-1998 Mediation Training Standards and Procedures amended to include training standards for dependency mediation training programs.
- 6-1998 Eleventh Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 6-1998 County mediation training held for new Columbia County program.
- 7-1998 Seventh annual statewide DRC conference for mediators and arbitrators *Creating a Connection* held.
- 9-1998 First of three statewide DRC dependency mediation training programs conducted in Tampa.

1990's (Continued)

- 10-1998 Appellate mediation program in the Fourth DCA is reinstated utilizing state funds.
- 10-1998 Governor Lawton Chiles proclaimed October 24-30, 1998, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 12-1998 Second statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Orlando.
- 1-1999 Third and final statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Fort Lauderdale.
- 5-1999 Tort Reform legislation adopted; effective October 1, 1999.
- 5-1999 Justice R. Fred Lewis named as liaison to Supreme Court Mediation and Arbitration Committees.
- 5-1999 Professor Jean Sternlight resigned as director of education and research to become a professor of law at the University of Missouri.
- 5-1999 The Supreme Court Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules submitted petition to amend the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 6-1999 DRC held its first *County Mediator's Summit* on June 3-4 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort on Clearwater Beach.
- 8-1999 Twelfth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-1999 Eighth annual DRC conference for family, dependency and circuit mediators and arbitrators *Take the High Road: ADR Paves the Way* held.
- 10-1999 Tort Reform legislation became effective revising Chapter 44, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, to include a new ADR method, trial resolution judge.
- 11-1999 Governor Jeb Bush proclaimed November 5, 1999, as Mediation Day in the state of Florida.

2000's

- 2-2000 The Supreme Court of Florida published the amendments to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators with an effective date of April 1, 2000.
- 4-2000 The amendments to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators became effective. The Mediator Qualifications Advisory Panel is renamed the Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee and the Qualifications Complaint Committee is created to reside over certification questions of good moral character.
- 6-2000 Statewide DRC dependency mediation training program conducted in Tampa.
- 7-2000 Thirteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 7-2000 First Qualifications Complaint Committee case referred.

2000's (Continued)

- 8-2000 The ninth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Spanning the Spectrum* held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 11-2000 Governor Bush proclaimed November 1-7, 2000, as Mediation Week in the state of Florida.
- 1-2001 ADR+ Subcommittee of the Family Courts Steering Committee created, DRC to staff.
- 1-2001 Sharon Press received *8th Excellence in Conflict Resolution Award* from the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium.
- 3-2001 Justice Teaching Institute which included ADR sessions.
- 3-2001 First complaint filed with the Mediation Training Review Board.
- 6-2001 Chief Justice Wells creates Supreme Court Committee on ADR Rules as successor to the Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Rules, Judge Shawn Briese named as chair. Chief Justice Wells creates Supreme Court Committee on ADR Policy as successor to the Committee on Mediation and Arbitration Training, Judge Janet Ferris named as chair.
- 7-2001 Fifth DCA establishes an appellate mediation program utilizing, for the first time, judicial referrals of cases to mediation and services offered via private mediators.
- 8-2001 Fourteenth Edition of Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium published.
- 8-2001 The tenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators Dialogue and Diversity held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 8-2001 The Uniform Mediation Act was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.
- 9-2001 Fourth DCA Appellate Mediation program ceased operations.
- 11-2001 Mediation Week in Florida is proclaimed by Governor Bush.
- 12-2001 Due to budget constraints, the First DCA Appellate Mediation program ceased operations.
- 1-2002 Robin L. Lubitz was named State Courts Administrator of Florida.
- 4-2002 Continuing Mediator Education (CME) became effective for all certified mediators.
- 6-2002 The Family Court Steering Committee submitted a petition to the Supreme Court of Florida to amend rule 12.610, Florida Family Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 8-2002 The eleventh annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators *Making An Impact: Empowerment Through Education* held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- 8-2002 Fifteenth Edition of Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium published.
- 10-2002 Justice Charles Wells designated as Supreme Court liaison to the Committee on ADR Rules and Committee on ADR Policy.

2000's (Continued)

- 11-2002 November 1-7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 2-2003 County mediation training held for new Gadsden County mediation program.
- 5-2003 Rule 12.610, Florida Family Rules of Civil Procedure, amended to restrict use of mediation in domestic violence injunction cases.
- 5-2003 House Bill 113A, implementing Article V/Revision 7, enacted. Of particular significance, mediation and arbitration included on list of elements to be paid for by the state beginning in July 2004.
- 7-2003 Lisa Goodner named the State Court Administrator for Florida.
- 7-2003 Justice Anstead entered Administrative Order merging ADR Committees to create the Supreme Court Committee on ADR Rules and Policy co-chaired by Judge Shawn Briese and Judge Janet Ferris.
- 8-2003 First meeting of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee.
- 8-2003 Sixteenth Edition of Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium published.
- 10-2003 DRC holds annual conference in conjunction with the Association for Conflict Resolution entitled *The World of Conflict Resolution: A Mosaic of Possibilities*.
- 11-2003 November 1-7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 7-2004 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, is revised in the areas of arbitrator compensation, funding of mediation and arbitration programs and mediation confidentiality.
- 7-2004 Article V, Revision 7 constitutional amendment becomes effective implementing statewide funding of the court system including mediation and arbitration.
- 7-2004 Seventeenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-2004 The thirteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Framing Our Future* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 11-2004 November 1-7 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 11-2004 The Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee submitted its final report and recommendations relating to senior judges serving as mediators to the Florida Supreme Court.
- 3-2005 Legislative proclamation honoring county volunteer mediators sponsored by House Representative John Quinones.
- 5-2005 The Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee submitted amendments to the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators and the Administrative Order Governing Certification to the Florida Supreme Court. Amendments to the qualifications for mediator certification and rules of discipline are recommended.
- 5-2005 *The Resolution Report Online*, debuts on www.flcourts.org.

2000's (Continued)

- 6-2005 The Florida Supreme Court conducts oral argument on the Senior Judges Serving as Mediators Report SC04-2482. The Honorable Shawn Briese, Chair, of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee, appears on behalf of the committee.
- 7-2005 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, Mediation Alternatives to Judicial Action, is modified in the areas of arbitrator compensation and funding of mediation and arbitration programs.
- 7-2005 Eighteenth Edition of *Florida Mediation/Arbitration Programs: A Compendium* published.
- 8-2005 First Edition of the *ADR Resource Handbook* published.
- 8-2005 The fourteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Great Expectations* is held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2005 October 16-22 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 10-2005 County mediation training held in Hernando County to begin a new mediation program.
- 11-2005 Supreme Court issued its opinion In Re: Report of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee on Senior Judges as Mediators, SC04-2482. The opinion requires senior judges who are mediators to become certified mediators
- 2-2006 First Oral Argument in SC05-998 ADR Rules and Policy Committee petition to amend Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators and CME requirements.
- 5-2006 Supreme Court issued its opinion In Re: Petition of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee on Amendments to Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, SC05-998. The opinion adopts the "point system" as a basis for mediator certification, effective August 2006, changes CME requirements (including domestic violence and cultural awareness/diversity, requirements for all mediators), adopts revision to standards of conduct in rules of discipline, effective immediately.
- 5-2006 Supreme Court issued Administrative Order, AOSC06-9, In Re: Procedures Governing Certification of Mediators, instituting administrative details for point based mediator certification. Immediate effective date.
- 7-2006 Dispute Management Inc. (DMI) conducted its last training as a certified mediation training provider. DMI has been continuously certified since 1988 to conduct mediation trainings in Florida.
- 8-2006 "Point System" becomes effective for county, family, dependency mediators. Pursuant to SC05-998.
- 8-2006 The fifteenth annual statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Honoring Our Past...Celebrating Our Future* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2006 October 15-21 is proclaimed by Governor Bush as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 12-2006 Senior Judges as Mediators Ethics Program offered for first time pursuant to Supreme Court opinion in SC04-2482.
- 5-2007 Second Oral Argument in SC05-998.

2000's (Continued)

- 5-2007 Chapter 44, Florida Statutes Court-ordered, nonbinding arbitration section (44.103) amended effective October 1, 2007.
- 6-2007 Nineteenth Edition of Florida Mediation & Arbitration: A Compendium published (first time published on fiscal year data rather than calendar year).
- 8-2007 The Sixteenth Annual Statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Insight and Inspiration* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2007 October 14-20 is proclaimed by Governor Crist as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 11-2007 Supreme Court issued its second opinion In Re: Petition of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee on Amendment to Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, SC05-998, adopting the point system for all mediators and removing the licensed attorney requirement for circuit certification. Immediate effective date.
- 11-2007 Supreme Court issued Administrative Order, AOSC07-57, In Re: Procedures Governing Certification of Mediators, modifying administrative details for point based mediator certification. Immediate effective date.
- 1-2008 Twentieth Edition of Florida Mediation and Arbitration Programs published.
- 3-2008 Richard Cox, DRC Counsel, retires; Cal Goodlett, Senior Attorney, Legal Counsel's Office, assigned role of DRC Counsel.
- 6-2008 Supreme Court issued Administrative Order, AOSC08-23, In Re: Procedures Governing Certification of Mediators, relating to administrative reviews. Effective immediately.
- 7-2008 Section 44.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to increase session fees in court provided county civil and family mediation.
- 8-2008 The Seventeenth Annual Statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Mediation and Justice For All* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 8-2008 Supreme Court Commission on Performance and Accountability submits final report *Recommendations for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Florida's Trial Courts* to the Florida Supreme Court
- 10-2008 October 12-18 is proclaimed by Governor Crist as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 10-2008 Supreme Court issued SC08-1670, In Re: Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, amending the review process for mediator disciplinary determinations and for individuals who are denied certification or renewal for failure to meet the qualifications regarding chief justice review of mediator disciplinary determinations. Effective immediately.
- 10-2008 Chapter 61, Florida Statutes, amendments to change dissolution of marriage terminology.
- 12-2008 Justice Harry Lee Anstead, Florida Supreme Court liaison to ADR Committees, retired.
- 1-2009 Petition entitled In Re: Amendments to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators is submitted to the Supreme Court.

2000's (Continued)

- 2-2009 Justice Charles T. Wells, former liaison to ADR Committees, retired.
- 5-2009 The Honorable Shawn Briese resigns as Chair of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee.
- 5-2009 AOSC09-19, *In Re: Alternative Dispute Resolution Services in Florida's Trial Courts* adopted by the Chief Justice.
- 6-2009 Director Sharon Press concludes 20 years of service and leaves the DRC to become the Director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at Hamline University's School of Law.
- 7-2009 Justice Ricky Polston designated as liaison to the ADR Rules and Policy Committee.
- 7-2009 AOSC09-34 adopting the revised Mediation Training Standards and Procedures is released. Effective immediately with staggered dates for trainer approval and training program certification.
- 7-2009 Janice M. Fleischer, J.D., hired as DRC Director.
- 8-2009 Supreme Court Task Force on Residential Mortgage Foreclosures submits final report *Final Report and Recommendation on Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases* to the Florida Supreme Court.
- 8-2009 The Honorable William Palmer is appointed Chair of the ADR Rules and Policy Committee.
- 8-2009 The Eighteenth Annual Statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *Changes & Challenges* held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 10-2009 October 11-17 is proclaimed by Governor Crist as Mediation Week in Florida.
- 12-2009 AOSC09-54 *Final Report and Recommendation on Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases* in adopted by the Chief Justice.
- 1-2010 Janice Fleischer invited to Germany to teach two ADR courses: Basic Facilitation and Advanced Mediation Techniques in English.
- 4-2010 Supreme Court issued SC09-1384, *In Re: Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators*, amending rule 10.650 from Advertising to Marketing Practices. Effective immediately.
- 4-2010 Oral Argument in SC09-118 ADR Rules and Policy Committee petition to amend Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators to include appellate mediator certification as the fifth area of mediator certification.
- 6-2010 ADR Rules and Policy Committee files petition, SC10-1013 *In RE: Amendments to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators*, requesting revisions to the rules relating to convictions and reinstatements.
- 6-2010 Professor of Law Fran Tetunic concludes 9 years service as Chair of the Mediators Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC).
- 7-2010 Supreme Court issues SC09-118 establishing appellate mediation throughout the state of Florida and amends the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediations and the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Effective immediately.

2000's (Continued)

- 7-2010 Supreme Court issues SC09-118 establishing appellate mediation throughout the state of Florida and amends the Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediations and the Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- 7-2010 Beth Greenfield Mandler, Esquire, is elected as Chair of the Mediators Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) and Elena Rodriguez is elected as Vice-Chair.
- 9-2010 Chief Justice Canady issues AOSC10-51 In Re Mediation Training Standards and Procedures adopting the inclusion of training standards for Florida Supreme Court certified appellate mediation training programs.
- 11-2010 Chief Justice Canady issues AOSC10-57 In Re Guidance Concerning Managed Mediation Programs for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases as a compliment to AOSC09-54 issued in December 2009.
- 1-2011 Chief Justice Canady issues AOSC11-1 In Re Procedures Governing Certification of Mediators, the major focus of which includes items related to the administration of appellate mediator certification.
- 5-2011 Supreme Court issues SC10-1013 revising rules 10.130 and 10.830, Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.
- 6-2011 Supreme Court issues SC10-1227 revising Small Claim Rule 7.090 requiring that a judge be available to hear or resolve legal issues at the time of pre-trial conference and clarifying that nonjudicial personnel may assist with the pretrial conference issues and referrals to mediation. Effective July 1, 2011.
- 8-2011 The Nineteenth Annual Statewide DRC Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *We're Back* was held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.
- 9-2011 Supreme Court issues administrative order AOSC11-33 appointing a Statewide Managed Mediation Program Assessment Workgroup to examine data on the managed mediation foreclosure programs and make recommendations to the court regarding the effectiveness of the programs.

Florida's 20 Judicial Circuits, Counties and County Seats

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>	<u>Circuit</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>		
First	Escambia	Pensacola	Ninth	Orange	Orlando		
	Okaloosa	Crestview		Osceola	Kissimmee		
	Santa Rosa	Milton	Tenth	Hardee	Wauchula		
	Walton	Defuniak Springs		Highlands	Sebring		
Second	Franklin	Apalachicola	Polk	Bartow			
	Gadsden	Quincy	Eleventh	Dade	Miami		
	Jefferson	Monticello		Twelfth	Desoto	Arcadia	
	Leon	Tallahassee			Manatee	Bradenton	
	Liberty	Bristol			Sarasota	Sarasota	
Wakulla	Crawfordville	Thirteenth	Hillsborough	Tampa			
Third	Columbia		Lake City	Fourteenth	Bay	Panama City	
	Dixie		Cross City		Calhoun	Blountstown	
	Hamilton		Jasper		Gulf	Port St. Joe	
	Lafayette	Mayo	Holmes		Bonifay		
	Madison	Madison	Jackson	Marianna			
	Suwannee	Live Oak	Washington	Chipley			
Taylor	Perry	Fifteenth	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach			
Fourth	Clay		Green Cove Springs	Sixteenth	Monroe	Key West	
	Duval		Jacksonville		Seventeenth	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale
	Nassau		Fernandina Beach			Eighteenth	Brevard
Fifth	Citrus	Inverness	Seminole	Sanford			
	Hernando	Brooksville	Nineteenth	Indian River	Vero Beach		
	Lake	Tavares		Martin	Stuart		
	Marion	Ocala		Okeechobee	Okeechobee		
Sumter	Bushnell	St. Lucie		Fort Pierce			
Sixth	Pasco	Dade City	Twentieth	Charlotte	Punta Gorda		
	Pinellas	Clearwater		Collier	Naples		
Seventh	Flagler	Bunnell		Glades	Moore Haven		
	Putnam	Palatka		Hendry	LaBelle		
	St. Johns	St. Augustine		Lee	Fort Myers		
	Volusia	Deland					
Eighth	Alachua	Gainesville					
	Baker	Macclenny					
	Bradford	Starke					
	Gilchrist	Trenton					
	Levy	Bronson					
Union	Lake Butler						

Citizen Dispute Settlement Introduction

Citizen Dispute Settlement (CDS) programs were first established in Florida during the 1970s. CDS Centers have typically been connected to the community through the support of the state attorneys' offices, the courts, local bar associations and local Boards of County Commissioners. Referrals to CDS or Community Mediation programs come from a variety of sources including law enforcement agencies, state attorneys' offices, the courts, or individuals. The parties do not have to file a lawsuit to bring a case to a CDS Center.

There is no requirement that parties be represented by counsel or that counsel be present at CDS mediation, and, since the sessions are non-judicial and informal, most parties choose to attend without attorneys. The typical mediation lasts between one and two hours in a single session.

**CITIZEN DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (CDS)
CASE LOAD, CASE TYPE AND PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009-10**

Circuit	County	Referred	Mediated	Resolved	No. Mediators- All	No. Volunteer Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Case Types	Percentage of Cases	Mediator Compensation
7th	Volusia County Seat: Deland	26	26	21	34	34	0	Animal Control	68	\$0
								Consumer	3	
								Contract	3	
								Employee/Employer	3	
								Landlord/Tenant	3	
								Neighborhood Dispute	7	
								Nuisance	7	
								Property Damage	3	
Other: Juvenile Restitution Employer/Employee	3									
9th	Orange County Seat: Orlando	494	248	124	50	50	0	Animal Control	10	\$0
								Consumer	5	
								Landlord/Tenant	40	
								Neighborhood	10	
								Property Damage	5	
								Recovery Money/ Property	30	
12th	Manatee County Seat: Bradenton	95	26	10	57	55	0	Consumer	23	\$0
								Contract	15	
								Employer/Employee	8	
								Landlord/Tenant	23	
								Neighborhood Dispute	15	
								Other	16	

**CITIZEN DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (CDS)
CASE LOAD, CASE TYPE AND PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	Referred	Mediated	Resolved	No. Mediators- All	No. Volunteer Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Case Types	Percentage of Cases	Mediator Compensation
12th	Sarasota County Seat: Sarasota	309	124	99	57	55	0	Consumer	22	\$0
								Contract	17	
								Employer/Employee	7	
								Family	3	
								Juvenile Restitution	33	
								Landlord/Tenant	13	
								Neighborhood Dispute	2	
Property Damage	3									
13th	Hillsborough County Seat: Tampa	579	144	95	23	0	16	Animal Control	3	\$20/per hour or \$23/per hour after 5 yrs
								Consumer	4	
								Contract	28	
								Criminal	1	
								Employer/Employee	1	
								Juvenile Restitution	51	
								Landlord/Tenant	7	
								Neighborhood Dispute	3	
Property Damage	2									
13th	Hillsborough- South Shore	88	28	19	14	13	1	Animal Control	7	\$18/per hour
								Consumer	40	
								Contract	18	
								Family	3	
								Landlord/Tenant	18	
								Neighborhood Dispute	11	
								Worthless Checks	3	
Victim Offender	3									

**CITIZEN DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (CDS)
CASE LOAD, CASE TYPE AND PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	Referred	Mediated	Resolved	No. Mediators- All	No. Volunteer Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Case Types	Percentage of Cases	Mediator Compensation
17th	Broward County Seat: Fort Lauderdale	173	96	76	10	0	8	Contract	1	\$18/per hour
								Criminal	96	
								Property Damage	1	
								Worthless Checks	1	
								Victim Offender	1	
20th	Lee County Seat: Fort Myers	164	53	51	8	5	0	Consumer	30	\$0
								Contract	30	
								Employer/Employee	2	
								Landlord/Tenant	30	
								Neighborhood Dispute	3	
								Property Damage	3	
								Worthless Checks	2	
Victim Offender	2									
Totals		1928	745	495						

Note: Florida has 67 counties in 20 judicial circuits. Only those circuits and counties that provide CDS mediation services are listed above.

County Mediation Introduction

County mediation programs receive civil case referrals from county courts whose jurisdiction covers cases valued up to \$15,000. During fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010, the 54 court-connected county mediation programs operating in Florida mediated over 64,000 small claims cases (cases valued up to \$5,000) and over 5,200 county cases above small claims.

There are a variety of case types referred to county mediation, including, but not limited to: landlord/tenant, contract, recovery of money and/or property, auto repair, consumer, worthless checks and neighborhood disputes.

There are special rules of procedure for small claims mediation. These procedures are designed for efficiency for both the litigants and the court. Generally, the parties mediate without attorneys, but the rules also allow for attorneys to appear without their clients. Small claims mediation services are free to the parties. In county court cases above small claims, the court charges \$60 per session per party for mediation services.

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASELOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Small Claims Cases	Small Claims Cases	Small Claims Cases	County Civil Cases	County Civil Cases	County Civil Cases
			Referred	Mediated	Resolved	Referred	Mediated	Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	620	370	263	19	19	19
	Okaloosa	Crestview	174	145	73	0	0	0
	Santa Rosa	Milton	131	67	36	0	0	0
		Totals	925	582	372	19	19	19
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	59	59	35	0	0	0
	Leon	Tallahassee	1039	1039	853	0	0	0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	101	101	88	0	0	0
		Totals	1199	101	976	0	0	0
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	128	128	84	0	0	0
	Dixie	Cross City	54	54	32	473	456	473
	Hamilton	Jasper	37	37	25	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Madison	Madison	73	73	55	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Suwannee	Live Oak	128	128	102	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
		Totals	420	420	298	473	456	473
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	150	145	106	5	5	4
	Duval	Jacksonville	1172	825	552	85	84	53
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	145	142	90	0	0	0
		Totals	1467	1112	748	90	89	57
5th	Citrus	Inverness	504	504	417	0	0	0
	Hernando	Brooksville	226	226	158	0	0	0
	Lake	Tavares	1059	1059	862	0	0	0
	Marion	Ocala	542	542	347	1	1	1
	Sumter	Bushnell	0	0	0	1	1	1
		Totals	2331	2331	1784	2	2	2
6th	Pasco	Dade City	1521	1521	1115	37	25	9
	Pinellas	Clearwater	1836	1834	1577	60	35	22
		Totals	3357	3355	2692	97	60	31
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	105	94	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Putnam	Palatka	123	115	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	123	117	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Volusia	Deland	473	456	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
		Totals	824	782	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	521	521	378	15	15	12
	Baker	Macclenny	42	42	35	0	0	0
	Bradford	Starke	14	14	11	0	0	0
	Gilchrist	Trenton	17	14	12	1	1	1
	Levy	Bronson	23	22	18	3	2	1
	Union	Lake Butler	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Totals	617	613	454	19	18	14

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASELOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Small Claims Cases	Small Claims Cases	Small Claims Cases	County Civil Cases	County Civil Cases	County Civil Cases
			Referred	Mediated	Resolved	Referred	Mediated	Resolved
9th	Orange	Orlando	15452	4050	2783	1851	939	615
	Osceola	Kissimmee	3734	1147	865	138	82	62
		Totals	19186	5197	3648	1989	1021	677
10th	Highlands	Sebring	53	53	29	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Polk	Bartow	313	313	214	159	159	119
		Totals	366	366	243	159	159	159
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	2837	2333	*	2895	1764	*
		Totals	2837	2333	*	2895	1764	*
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	28	25	15	2	1	0
	Manatee	Bradenton	222	212	107	25	19	5
	Sarasota	Sarasota	1202	1110	635	78	59	19
		Totals	1452	1347	757	105	79	24
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	2839	1846	850	396	280	120
		Totals	2839	1846	850	396	280	120
14th	Bay	Panama City	1719	488	404	145	75	40
	Holmes	Bonifay	146	54	44	0	0	0
	Jackson	Marianna	1025	324	299	73	30	24
	Washington	Chipley	256	85	73	0	0	0
		Totals	3146	951	820	218	105	64
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	4422	4422	3357	169	132	78
		Totals	4422	4422	3357	169	132	78
16th	Monroe	Key West	159	158	76	32	15	9
		Totals	159	158	76	32	15	9
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	5285	4507	3639	1507	769	416
		Totals	5285	4507	3639	1507	769	416
18th	Brevard	Titusville	4273	2693	1831	127	96	66
	Seminole	Sanford	248	248	165	21	21	13
		Totals	4521	2941	1996	148	117	79
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	200	200	117	0	0	0
	Martin	Stuart	120	120	59	3	3	0
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	100	100	74	3	3	1
	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	213	213	145	74	74	54
		Totals	633	633	395	80	80	55
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	545	545	329	14	11	Unavailable
	Collier	East Naples	1091	1091	783	72	32	15
	Lee	Fort Myers	1861	1861	1318	110	82	37
		Totals	3497	3497	2430	196	125	52
	Totals	59483	37494	25535	8594	5290	1733	

* Small Claims and County Court resolved cases combined for a total 2,560.

Note: Florida has 67 counties in 20 judicial circuits. Only those counties that provide or coordinate court-connected county mediation services are listed above. The word *unavailable* is displayed if a judicial circuit was unable to provide the particular data in the format in which it was requested.

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	15
			Contract	65
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	10
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	5
			Worthless Check	1
1st	Okaloosa	Crestview	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	1
			Contract	45
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	10
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	40
Worthless Check	1			
1st	Santa Rosa	Milton	Auto Repair	3
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	50
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	4
			Property Damage	1
Recovery Money/Property	40			
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	10
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	31
			Property Damage	12
Recovery Money/Property	32			
2nd	Leon	Tallahassee	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	3
			Contract	50
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	4
			Property Damage	2
Recovery Money/Property	40			
2nd	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Auto Repair	2
			Contract	66
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	5
			Property Damage	4
Recovery Money/Property	23			
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	31
			Contract	40
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	9
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	2
Recovery Money/Property	15			

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
3rd	Dixie	Cross City	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	69
			Worthless Checks	1
3rd	Hamilton	Jasper	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	15
			Contract	79
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	2
			Recovery Money/Property	2
3rd	Madison	Madison	Consumer Cases	26
			Contract	68
			Neighborhood Dispute	6
3rd	Suwannee	Live Oak	Consumer Cases	16
			Contract	81
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Recovery Money/Property	2
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	15
			Contract	20
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	20
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Neighborhood Dispute	10
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	15
			Worthless Check	4
4th	Duval	Jacksonville	Auto Repair	17
			Consumer Cases	22
			Contract	10
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	15
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Neighborhood Dispute	9
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	15
			Worthless Check	4
			Other: Break up of cohabitants	2
4th	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	Auto Repair	14
			Consumer Cases	5
			Contract	25
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	15
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Neighborhood Dispute	15
			Property Damage	10
			Recovery Money/Property	15

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
5th	Citrus	Inverness	Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	11
			Contract	73
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	0
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	5
			Neighborhood Dispute	2
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	3
			Other: Dogs	1
5th	Hernando	Brooksville	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	25
			Contract	28
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	3
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	11
			Neighborhood Dispute	3
			Property Damage	6
			Recovery Money/Property	17
			Worthless Checks	2
Other: Dogs	3			
5th	Lake	Tavares	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	13
			Contract	73
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	2
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Recovery Money/Property	6
5th	Marion	Ocala	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	49
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	6
			Property Damage	2
			Recovery Money/Property	34
6th	Pasco	Dade City	Unavailable	Unavailable
6th	Pinellas	Clearwater	Contract	50
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	2
			Recovery Money/Property	16
			Other: Lien for Negligent Wrongful Act	32
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	Unavailable	Unavailable
7th	Putnam	Palatka	Unavailable	Unavailable
7th	St. Johns	St. Augustine	Unavailable	Unavailable

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
7th	Volusia	Deland	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	5
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	10
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Neighborhood Dispute	5
			Property Damage	2
			Recovery Money/Property	Unavailable
			Worthless Checks	Unavailable
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	7
			Contract	62
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	13
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	3
			Property Damage	3
			Recovery Money/Property	8
8th	Baker	MacClenny	Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	81
			Neighborhood Dispute	5
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	7
8th	Bradford	Starke	Auto Repair	14
			Consumer Cases	2
			Contract	63
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	14
			Recovery Money/Property	7
8th	Gilchrist	Trenton	Consumer Cases	4
			Contract	78
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	4
			Recovery Money/Property	14
8th	Levy	Bronson	Consumer Cases	13
			Contract	70
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	4
			Recovery Money/Property	13
8th	Union	Lake Butler	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer	10
			Contract	63
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	6
			Recovery Money/Property	16
9th	Orange	Orlando	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer	1
			Contract	29
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	53
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	15

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
9th	Osceola	Kissimmee	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	1
			Contract	7
			Neighborhood Dispute	0
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	2
			Property Damage	1
			Recovery Money/Property	86
			Worthless Checks	1
10th	Polk	Bartow	Unavailable	Unavailable
10th	Highland	Sebring	Unavailable	Unavailable
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Auto Repair	Unavailable
			Consumer Cases	Unavailable
			Contract	Unavailable
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	58
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Neighborhood Dispute	Unavailable
			Property Damage	Unavailable
			Recovery Money/Property	Unavailable
			Worthless Checks	Unavailable
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	Auto Repair	12
			Consumer Cases	23
			Contract	35
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	8
			Property Damage	4
			Other: Homeowner Association Association	18
			Other: Homeowners Association	18
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	Auto Repair	6
			Consumer Cases	13
			Contract	44
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	14
			Neighborhood Dispute	2
			Property Damage	4
			Recovery Money/Property	1
			Worthless Checks	8
			Other: Homeowners Association	8
12th	Sarasota	Sarasota	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	8
			Contract	80
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	5
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	2
			Recovery Money/Property	1
			Worthless Checks	1

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	3
			Contract	64
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	5
			Property Damage	8
			Recovery Money/Property	18
			Other: Wages Owed/Battery Civil	1
14th	Bay	Panama City	Landlord/Tenant Residential	3
			Landlord/Tenant Commercial	97
14th	Holmes	Bonifay	Landlord/Tenant Commercial	100
14th	Jackson	Marianna	Landlord/Tenant Commercial	100
14th	Washington	Chipley	Landlord/Tenant Commercial	100
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	63
			Landlord/Tenant Residential	10
			Landlord/Tenant Commercial	6
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	4
			Recovery Money/Property	3
Other: HOA Foreclosure	3			
16th	Monroe	Key West	Auto Repair	20
			Contract	25
			Landlord/Tenant Residential	5
			Landlord/Tenant Commercial	5
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	40
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	1
			Contract	29
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	31
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	1
			Property Damage	1
			Other: Homeowner Foreclosure	36
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Auto Repair	2
			Consumer Cases	3
			Contract	26
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	7
			Commercial Landlord/Tenant	5
			Neighborhood Dispute	7
			Property Damage	5
			Recovery Money/Property	43
			Worthless Checks	2
18th	Seminole	Sanford	Contract	100

**COUNTY MEDIATION CASE TYPES
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	Percent of Cases
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	9
			Contract	63
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	18
			Neighborhood Dispute	2
			Property Damage	4
19th	Martin	Stuart	Auto Repair	5
			Consumer Cases	9
			Contract	52
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	25
			Neighborhood Dispute	1
			Property Damage	7
19th	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	Worthless Checks	1
			Auto Repair	1
			Consumer Cases	17
			Contract	70
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	9
			Property Damage	2
19th	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	Recovery Money/Property	1
			Auto Repair	4
			Consumer Cases	10
			Contract	45
			Residential Landlord/Tenant	37
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Property Damage	4
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Unavailable	Unavailable
20th	Collier	Naples	Consumer	15
			Contract	85
20th	Lee	Ft. Myers	Consumer	10
			Contract	80
			Landlord/Tenant Commercial	2
			Property Damage	4
			Recovery Money/Property	4

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**COUNTY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Volunteer Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Sm. Claims Pay per hr.	County Mediators (Above Sm. Claims) Pay per hr.	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.(Above Sm. Claims)
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	12	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Okaloosa	Crestview	6	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Santa Rosa	Milton	6	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	4	0	\$0	\$100/3 hr Session	\$0	\$20	\$0
	Leon	Tallahassee	15	0	\$0	\$100/3 hr Session	\$0	\$20	\$0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	5	0	\$0	\$100/3 hr Session	\$0	\$20	\$0
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	0	8	\$25	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Dixie	Cross City	0	4	\$25	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Hamilton	Jasper	0	4	\$25	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Madison	Madison	0	4	\$25	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Suwannee	Live Oak	5	3	\$25	No Program	NA	NA	NA
4th	Clay	Green Cove	7	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Duval	Jacksonville	75	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	5	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
5th	Citrus	Inverness	11	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Hernando	Brooksville	21	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Lake	Tavares	36	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Marion	Ocala	28	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
6th	Pasco	Dade City	0	14	\$22	\$50	\$50	\$50	None
	Pinellas	Clearwater	0	18	\$22	\$50	\$50	\$50	None
7th	Flagler	Bunnell	8	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Putnam	Palatka	5	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	St. Johns	St. Augustine	8	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Volusia	Deland	33	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	*30	30	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$75
	Baker	Macclenny	*30	30	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90
	Bradford	Starke	*30	30	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90
	Gilchrist	Trenton	*30	30	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90
	Levy	Bronson	*30	30	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90
	Union	Lake Butler	*30	30	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$90

COUNTY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 2010 (CONTINUED)

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Volunteer Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Sm. Claims Pay per hr.	County Mediators (Above Sm. Claims) Pay per hr.	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.(Above Sm. Claims)
9th	Orange	Orlando	48	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Osceola	Kissimmee	15	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10th	Highlands	Sebring	5	0	\$0	No Program	NA	NA	NA
	Polk	Bartow	11	6	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	None
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	4	7	\$25-\$32	\$25-\$32	\$25-\$32	\$25-\$32	\$25-\$32
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	**53	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
	Manatee	Bradenton	**53	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
	Sarasota	Sarasota	**53	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	0	17	\$20-\$23	\$20-\$23	\$20-\$23	\$20-\$23	\$20-\$23
14th	Bay	Panama City	16	0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA	NA
	Holmes	Bonifay	4	0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA	NA
	Jackson	Marianna	6	0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA	NA
	Washington	Chipley	4	0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA	NA
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm	40	35	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$50	None
16th	Monroe	Key West	10	NA	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$25/Per Hour	\$90/Per Session
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	0	31	\$18	\$40	\$40	\$40	None
18th	Brevard	Titusville	31	7	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100
	Seminole	Sanford	10	NA	\$0	No Program	N/A	N/A	N/A
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	0	8	\$20-Per Session	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$0	\$50
	Martin	Stuart	0	17	\$20-Per Session	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$0	\$50
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	0	6	\$20-Per Session	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$0	\$50
	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	0	21	\$20-Per Session	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$0	\$50
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	12	12	\$0	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$50	None
	Collier	East Naples	19	10	\$0	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$50	None
	Lee	Fort Myers	20	20	\$0	\$50-Per Session	\$0	\$50	None

* The thirty volunteers provide mediation services for all six counties in the Eighth Circuit.

** Fifty-three mediators provide mediation services for all three counties in Twelfth Circuit.

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Family Mediation Introduction

Family mediation in Florida's court-ordered setting refers to mediation of domestic relations matters in general and dissolution (divorce) and child-related cases in particular. Case types include: divorce, modification, equitable distribution, spousal support, child custody and visitation, paternity and child support. All 20 circuits have court-connected family mediation programs. Family mediation sessions in a mediation program are generally scheduled for one session of two to three hours. Parties who have a combined income at or below \$100,000 may utilize the services of court-connected family mediation programs at a rate subsidized by the state [Section 44.108(2), Florida Statutes]. Parties with a combined income under \$50,000 pay \$60 per session per party and parties with a combined income over \$50,000 pay \$120 per session per party. Parties with a combined income over \$100,000 are referred to private mediators. Indigent parties are eligible to receive mediation services at no charge.

The current statute governing mediation prohibits the referral of family cases to mediation, upon motion or request of a party, if there has been a history of domestic violence which could compromise the mediation process. [Section 44.102(2)(c), Florida Statutes].

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE LOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Referrals	Joint Income Indigent Cases Mediated	Joint Income Indigent Cases Resolved	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Mediated	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Resolved	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Mediated	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	33	6	4	24	17	2	1
	Okaloosa	Crestview	301	20	9	164	51	80	24
	Santa Rosa	Milton	10	5	1	5	1	0	0
	Walton	Defuniak Springs	68	6	1	52	28	4	1
		Totals	412	37	15	245	97	86	26
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	29	5	4	15	13	8	6
	Gadsden	Quincy	93	30	18	35	19	7	3
	Jefferson	Monticello	10	1	1	7	5	2	0
	Leon	Tallahassee	591	95	56	153	78	105	64
	Liberty	Bristol	17	9	5	8	0	0	0
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
		Totals	743	140	84	208	115	123	74
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	180	5	3	149	79	26	12
	Dixie	Cross City	27	0	0	27	17	0	0
	Hamilton	Jasper	22	0	0	16	11	6	4
	Lafayette	Mayo	12	0	0	10	5	2	2
	Madison	Madison	29	1	1	26	15	2	2
	Suwannee	Live Oak	101	0	0	80	33	19	14
	Taylor	Perry	29	0	0	20	11	9	4
		Totals	400	6	4	328	171	64	38
4th	Clay	Green Cove	378	0	0	204	127	69	43
	Duval	Jacksonville	1132	3	3	525	315	177	102
	Nassau	Fernandina	98	0	0	59	25	7	4
		Totals	1608	3	3	788	467	253	149
5th	Citrus	Inverness	222	31	19	61	29	43	27
	Hernando	Brooksville	142	5	5	63	43	27	17
	Lake	Tavares	563	32	27	158	118	148	97
	Marion	Ocala	663	59	35	168	98	181	125
	Sumter	Bushnell	90	11	10	18	14	21	19
		Totals	1680	138	96	468	302	420	285
6th	Pasco	Dade City	706	5	4	216	124	149	80
	Pinellas	Clearwater	1386	4	3	616	308	616	307
		Totals	2092	9	7	832	432	765	387
7th	Flagler/Putnam & St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/ St. Augustine	316	8	5	225	136	16	12
	Volusia	Deland	315	145	80	103	69	46	22
		Totals	631	153	85	328	205	62	34

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE LOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Referrals	Joint Income Indigent Cases Mediated	Joint Income Indigent Cases Resolved	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Mediated	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Resolved	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Mediated	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Resolved
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	456	77	43	213	132	166	102
	Baker	Macclenny	63	0	0	44	27	16	10
	Bradford	Starke	72	0	0	41	25	31	19
	Gilchrist	Trenton	61	0	0	45	28	16	10
	Levy	Bronson	129	0	0	93	58	33	20
	Union	Lake Butler	49	0	0	35	21	14	9
		Totals		830	77	43	471	291	276
9th	Orange	Orlando	2793	78	53	1469	792	509	479
	Osceola	Kissimmee	990	136	71	410	264	173	118
		Totals	3783	214	124	1879	1056	682	597
10th	Polk	Bartow	1363	3	0	575	391	332	184
	Polk	Highland	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
		Totals	1364	3	0	576	391	332	184
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	2884	259	*	1308	*	305	*
		Totals	2884	259	*	1308	*	305	*
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	61	3	3	34	19	3	2
	Manatee	Bradenton	377	23	9	190	118	88	42
	Sarasota	Sarasota	427	18	11	204	110	133	78
		Totals	865	44	23	428	247	224	122
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	4226	114	72	1170	697	1070	400
		Totals	4226	114	72	1170	697	1070	400
14th	Bay	Panama City	202	30	13	56	34	49	25
	Calhoun	Blountstown	20	3	2	7	4	8	2
	Gulf	Port St. Joe	19	1	0	6	2	0	0
	Holmes	Bonifay	18	2	2	13	4	5	2
	Jackson	Marianna	75	7	3	30	10	19	4
	Washington	Chipley	27	3	0	13	6	8	3
		Totals	361	46	20	125	60	89	36
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	2913	180	132	1344	756	600	432
		Totals	2913	180	132	1344	756	600	432
16th	Monroe	Key West	160	4	4	60	45	40	33
		Totals	160	4	4	60	45	40	33
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	1566	318	224	557	337	238	144
		Totals	1566	318	224	557	337	238	144
18th	Brevard	Titusville	891	17	Unavailable	556	Unavailable	334	Unavailable
	Seminole	Sanford	923	18	11	445	202	478	198
		Totals	1814	25	11	1001	202	812	198

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE LOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Referrals	Joint Income Indigent Cases Mediated	Joint Income Indigent Cases Resolved	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Mediated	Joint Income between Indigent to 50K Cases Resolved	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Mediated	Joint Income \$50K to 100K Cases Resolved
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	283	0	0	215	152	30	20
	Martin	Stuart	93	0	0	51	37	17	8
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	61	0	0	38	30	5	4
	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	422	0	0	255	181	85	57
		Totals		859	0	0	559	400	137
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	283	8	Unavailable	127	Unavailable	100	Unavailable
	Collier	East Naples	237	5	1	127	61	54	23
	Lee	Fort Myers	283	8	Unavailable	127	Unavailable	100	Unavailable
		Totals		803	21	1	381	61	254
	TOTALS		29994	1791	948	13056	6332	6832	3421

*A total of 1,416 family cases were resolved, which includes all levels of Joint Incomes.

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FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Modification	3
			Spousal Support	9
			Custody & Visitation	51
			Child Support	48
			Equitable Distribution	27
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	3
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
1st	Okaloosa	Crestview	Modification	11
			Spousal Support	28
			Custody & Visitation	41
			Child Support	42
			Equitable Distribution	39
			Paternity	6
			Attorney Fees	18
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
1st	Santa Rosa	Milton	Modification	10
			Spousal Support	0
			Custody & Visitation	20
			Child Support	20
			Equitable Distribution	20
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	10
			Other	NA
1st	Walton	Defuniak Springs	Modification	5
			Spousal Support	36
			Custody & Visitation	51
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	57
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	27
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	Modification	28
			Spousal Support	41
			Custody & Visitation	76
			Child Support	79
			Equitable Distribution	17
			Paternity	17
			Attorney Fees	26
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	27
			Custody & Visitation	69
			Child Support	45
			Equitable Distribution	37
			Paternity	11
			Attorney Fees	21
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
2nd	Jefferson	Monticello	Modification	50
			Spousal Support	20
			Custody & Visitation	80
			Child Support	80
			Equitable Distribution	40
			Paternity	50
			Attorney Fees	30
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
2nd	Leon	Tallahassee	Modification	23
			Spousal Support	13
			Custody & Visitation	46
			Child Support	46
			Equitable Distribution	23
			Paternity	23
			Attorney Fees	35
			Unified Family Court	2
			Other	NA
2nd	Liberty	Bristol	Modification	35
			Spousal Support	12
			Custody & Visitation	65
			Child Support	64
			Equitable Distribution	29
			Paternity	35
			Attorney Fees	16
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
2nd	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Modification	0
			Spousal Support	0
			Custody & Visitation	33
			Child Support	33
			Equitable Distribution	33
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	0
			Other	NA
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Unavailable	Unavailable
3rd	Dixie	Cross City	Unavailable	Unavailable
3rd	Hamilton	Jasper	Unavailable	Unavailable
3rd	Lafayette	Mayo	Unavailable	Unavailable

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
3rd	Madison	Madison	Unavailable	Unavailable
3rd	Suwannee	Live Oak	Unavailable	Unavailable
3rd	Taylor	Perry	Unavailable	Unavailable
4th	Clay	Green Cove	Modification	25
			Spousal Support	25
			Custody & Visitation	47
			Child Support	50
			Equitable Distribution	60
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	30
			Unified Family Court	0
Other	NA			
4th	Duval	Jacksonville	Modification	21
			Spousal Support	22
			Custody & Visitation	53
			Child Support	54
			Equitable Distribution	41
			Paternity	8
			Attorney Fees	28
			Unified Family Court	0
Other	NA			
4th	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	30
			Custody & Visitation	57
			Child Support	59
			Equitable Distribution	53
			Paternity	9
			Attorney Fees	29
			Unified Family Court	0
Other	NA			
5th	Citrus	Inverness	Modification	40
			Spousal Support	20
			Custody & Visitation	90
			Child Support	20
			Equitable Distribution	70
			Paternity	25
			Attorney Fees	5
			Unified Family Court	12
Other:	2			
5th	Hernando	Brooksville	Modification	29
			Spousal Support	22
			Custody & Visitation	87
			Child Support	81
			Equitable Distribution	69
			Paternity	18
			Attorney Fees	39
			Unified Family Court	16
Other	16			

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
5th	Lake	Tavares	Modification	26
			Spousal Support	37
			Custody & Visitation	91
			Child Support	76
			Equitable Distribution	73
			Paternity	19
			Attorney Fees	41
			Unified Family Court	11
			Other	19
5th	Marion	Ocala	Modification	23
			Spousal Support	22
			Custody & Visitation	93
			Child Support	67
			Equitable Distribution	56
			Paternity	12
			Attorney Fees	32
			Unified Family Court	17
			Other	21
5th	Sumter	Bushnell	Modification	28
			Spousal Support	24
			Custody & Visitation	87
			Child Support	81
			Equitable Distribution	64
			Paternity	29
			Attorney Fees	31
			Unified Family Court	12
			Other	16
6th	Pasco	Dade City	Modification	Unavailable
			Spousal Support	Unavailable
			Custody & Visitation	Unavailable
			Child Support	Unavailable
			Equitable Distribution	Unavailable
			Paternity	61
			Attorney Fees	Unavailable
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
			Other	Unavailable
6th	Pinellas	Clearwater	Modification	Unavailable
			Spousal Support	Unavailable
			Custody & Visitation	Unavailable
			Child Support	Unavailable
			Equitable Distribution	Unavailable
			Paternity	Unavailable
			Attorney Fees	Unavailable
			Unified Family Court	9
			Other	Unavailable

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
7th	Flagler/Putnam/ St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/St. Augustine	Modification	3
			Spousal Support	6
			Custody & Visitation	71
			Child Support	70
			Equitable Distribution	61
			Paternity	6
			Attorney Fees	2
			Unified Family Court	30
Other	NA			
7th	Volusia	Deland	Unavailable	Unavailable
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Modification	31
			Spousal Support	38
			Custody & Visitation	78
			Child Support	61
			Equitable Distribution	38
			Paternity	7
			Attorney Fees	22
			Unified Family Court	NA
Other	NA			
8th	Baker	Macclenny	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	18
			Custody & Visitation	78
			Child Support	48
			Equitable Distribution	43
			Paternity	6
			Attorney Fees	11
			Unified Family Court	NA
Other	NA			
8th	Bradford	Starke	Modification	33
			Spousal Support	26
			Custody & Visitation	69
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	51
			Paternity	4
			Attorney Fees	3
			Unified Family Court	NA
Other	NA			
8th	Gilchrist	Trenton	Modification	37
			Spousal Support	27
			Custody & Visitation	78
			Child Support	72
			Equitable Distribution	30
			Paternity	8
			Attorney Fees	13
			Unified Family Court	NA
Other	NA			

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
8th	Levy	Bronson	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	25
			Custody & Visitation	74
			Child Support	70
			Equitable Distribution	50
			Paternity	5
			Attorney Fees	16
			Unified Family Court	NA
8th	Union	Lake Butler	Modification	27
			Spousal Support	27
			Custody & Visitation	84
			Child Support	41
			Equitable Distribution	45
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	14
			Unified Family Court	NA
9th	Orange	Orlando	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	24
			Custody & Visitation	70
			Child Support	75
			Equitable Distribution	37
			Paternity	14
			Attorney Fees	22
			Unified Family Court	NA
9th	Osceola	Kissimmee	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	12
			Custody & Visitation	66
			Child Support	62
			Equitable Distribution	68
			Paternity	15
			Attorney Fees	20
			Unified Family Court	NA
10th	Polk	Bartow	Modification	10
			Spousal Support	13
			Custody & Visitation	49
			Child Support	49
			Equitable Distribution	17
			Paternity	22
			Attorney Fees	15
			Unified Family Court	0
10th	Polk	Highland	Other : (Relocation)	12
			Equitable Distribution	100

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Modification	Unavailable
			Spousal Support	Unavailable
			Custody & Visitation	Unavailable
			Child Support	Unavailable
			Equitable Distribution	Unavailable
			Paternity	Unavailable
			Attorney Fees	Unavailable
			Unified Family Court	5
Other	Unavailable			
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	Modification	35
			Spousal Support	22
			Custody & Visitation	82
			Child Support	60
			Equitable Distribution	22
			Paternity	15
			Attorney Fees	12
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
Other: Pre-divorce	47			
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	Modification	38
			Spousal Support	31
			Custody & Visitation	78
			Child Support	66
			Equitable Distribution	54
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	26
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
Other: Pre-divorce	56			
12th	Sarasota	Sarasota	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	35
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	56
			Equitable Distribution	49
			Paternity	6
			Attorney Fees	18
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
Other: Pre-divorce	59			
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Modification	27
			Spousal Support	8
			Custody & Visitation	39
			Child Support	38
			Equitable Distribution	11
			Paternity	3
			Attorney Fees	10
			Unified Family Court	0
Other	66			

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
14th	Bay	Panama City	Modification	0
			Spousal Support	29
			Custody & Visitation	60
			Child Support	59
			Equitable Distribution	59
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	19
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
14th	Calhoun	Blountstown	Modification	13
			Spousal Support	13
			Custody & Visitation	66
			Child Support	33
			Equitable Distribution	60
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
14th	Gulf	Port St. Joe	Modification	30
			Spousal Support	10
			Custody & Visitation	70
			Child Support	80
			Equitable Distribution	50
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
14th	Holmes	Bonifay	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	85
			Child Support	85
			Equitable Distribution	45
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	50
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
14th	Jackson	Marianna	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	20
			Custody & Visitation	68
			Child Support	63
			Equitable Distribution	46
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	14
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
			Other	NA

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
14th	Washington	Chipley	Modification	16
			Spousal Support	16
			Custody & Visitation	76
			Child Support	68
			Equitable Distribution	40
			Paternity	0
			Attorney Fees	36
			Unified Family Court	Unavailable
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Modification	17
			Spousal Support	16
			Custody & Visitation	41
			Child Support	42
			Equitable Distribution	32
			Paternity	1
			Attorney Fees	9
			Unified Family Court	NA
16th	Monroe	Key West	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	Unavailable
			Custody & Visitation	Unavailable
			Child Support	10
			Equitable Distribution	Unavailable
			Paternity	15
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	1
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	Modification	Unavailable
			Spousal Support	19
			Custody & Visitation	54
			Child Support	26
			Equitable Distribution	19
			Paternity	Unavailable
			Attorney Fees	Unavailable
			Unified Family Court	15
18th	Brevard	Titusville	Modification	22
			Spousal Support	42
			Custody & Visitation	76
			Child Support	76
			Equitable Distribution	43
			Paternity	14
			Attorney Fees	Unavailable
			Unified Family Court	100
Other	NA			

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
18 th	Seminole	Sanford	Modification	26
			Spousal Support	3
			Custody & Visitation	55
			Child Support	9
			Equitable Distribution	3
			Paternity	4
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	100
			Other	NA
19 th	Indian River	Vero Beach	Modification	31
			Spousal Support	25
			Custody & Visitation	83
			Child Support	79
			Equitable Distribution	44
			Paternity	21
			Attorney Fees	36
			Unified Family Court	2
			Other	NA
19 th	Martin	Stuart	Modification	34
			Spousal Support	34
			Custody & Visitation	77
			Child Support	82
			Equitable Distribution	49
			Paternity	13
			Attorney Fees	21
			Unified Family Court	2
			Other	NA
19 th	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	Modification	21
			Spousal Support	28
			Custody & Visitation	79
			Child Support	81
			Equitable Distribution	56
			Paternity	23
			Attorney Fees	51
			Unified Family Court	7
			Other	NA
19 th	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	Modification	28
			Spousal Support	24
			Custody & Visitation	81
			Child Support	76
			Equitable Distribution	42
			Paternity	24
			Attorney Fees	24
			Unified Family Court	3
			Other	NA

**FAMILY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Unavailable	Unavailable
20th	Collier	East Naples	Modification	15
			Spousal Support	5
			Custody & Visitation	25
			Child Support	5
			Equitable Distribution	10
			Paternity	25
			Attorney Fees	0
			Unified Family Court	15
			Other	NA
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	Modification	20
			Spousal Support	15
			Custody & Visitation	20
			Child Support	20
			Equitable Distribution	13
			Paternity	10
			Attorney Fees	2
			Unified Family Court	20
			Other	NA

Note: A family mediation may contain more than one subject area.

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**FAMILY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	0	7	\$100/per party per session	100/per session	\$100/per Non-appear party	None
1st	Okaloosa	Crestview	0	8	\$100/per party per session	100/per session	\$100/per Non-appear party	None
1st	Santa Rosa	Milton	0	7	\$100/per party per session	100/per session	\$100/per Non-appear party	None
1st	Walton	Defuniak Springs	0	5	\$100/per party per session	100/per session	\$100/per Non-appear party	None
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Jefferson	Monticello	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Leon	Tallahassee	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Liberty	Bristol	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Wakulla	Crawfordville	1	4	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Dixie	Cross City	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Hamilton	Jasper	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Lafayette	Mayo	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Madison	Madison	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None

**FAMILY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
3rd	Suwannee	Live Oak	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Taylor	Perry	1	14	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	4	1	\$150	None	None	\$150
4th	Duval	Jacksonville	4	1	\$150	None	None	\$150
4th	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	4	1	\$150	None	None	\$150
5th	Citrus	Inverness	0	26	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Hernando	Brooksville	0.5	24	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Lake	Tavares	0	30	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Marion	Ocala	0.5	30	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Sumter	Bushnell	0	25	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
6th	Pasco	Dade City	0	29	*\$200-\$300/flat fee	\$50	\$50	None
6th	Pinellas	Clearwater	0	30	*\$200-\$300/flat fee	\$50	\$50	None
7th	Flagler/Putnam/ St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/ St. Augustine	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7th	Volusia	Deland	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	1	15	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255
8th	Baker	Macclenny	0	11	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255
8th	Bradford	Starke	0	10	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255
8th	Gilchrist	Trenton	1	10	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255
8th	Levy	Bronson	0	12	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255
8th	Union	Lake Butler	0	10	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$75-\$85/per hour	\$255

**FAMILY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
9th	Orange	Orlando	0	25	\$20/per qtr hr up to 3 hours	\$60/\$80	\$80	\$240
9th	Osceola	Kissimmee	1	25	\$20/per qtr hr up to 3 hours	\$60/\$80	\$80	\$240
10th	Highlands	Sebring	0	1	\$100	\$100/if less than 48 hr notice	\$100	None
10th	Polk	Bartow	2	3	\$100	\$100/if less than 48 hr notice	\$100	None
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	2	1	\$120/per 2 hrs & \$30/per ea qtr (1/4) hr	\$25	\$25	Not to exceed \$24000 annually
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	2	1	\$120/per 2 hrs & \$30/per ea qtr (1/4) hr	\$25	\$25	Not to exceed \$24000 annually
12th	Sarasota	Sarasota	2	1	\$120/per 2 hrs & \$30/per ea qtr (1/4) hr	\$25	\$25	Not to exceed \$24000 annually
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	0	15	\$145/per case	\$145	\$145	\$145
13th	South Shore	Tampa	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
14th	Bay	Panama City	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None
14th	Calhoun	Blountstown	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None
14th	Gulf	Port St. Joe	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None
14th	Holmes	Bonifay	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None

**FAMILY MEDIATION
PERSONNEL AND MEDIATOR COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
14th	Jackson	Marianna	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None
14th	Washington	Chipley	0	4	\$75/per hour	\$0	\$75	None
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	5	13	125/per hour	\$0	\$50/per hour	None
16th	Monroe	Key West	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	4	12	\$60/per hour	\$60	\$60	None
18th	Brevard	Titusville	0	6	\$60/per hour	\$60	\$60	\$180
18th	Seminole	Sanford	1	6	\$60/per hour	\$50	\$60	\$180
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	Martin	Stuart	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	0	16	\$100/per hour	\$0	\$100/per hour	None
20th	Collier	East Naples	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	0	40	\$100/per hour	\$0	\$100/per hour	None

*Mediator compensation is based on parties combined income--\$0 to \$50k= \$200 per session and \$50k to 100k=\$300 per session.

Note: No volunteer mediators are used in family mediation.

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Dependency Mediation Introduction

Dependency mediation programs receive referrals of child abuse and neglect cases from the courts. These cases may be referred at any stage of a dependency action. Referral may occur as early as the filing of a petition alleging that a child is dependent and in need of the court's intervention for protection, or much later in a case where a child may be in foster care and termination of parental rights is being pursued. During FY 2009-2010, nineteen of the 20 judicial circuits in Florida utilized mediation in dependency cases.

Dependency mediation provides an opportunity for the parents, social service counselors, guardians ad litem, attorneys for parents and agencies, as well as other key participants (such as relatives) to engage in a facilitated discussion about the case. There are no restrictions on the types of issues which can be addressed during a mediation and parties may come to either partial or full agreement on various aspects of dependency matters, including, but not limited to: child placement; custody; terms of a case plan; visitation; medical or therapeutic treatment; child support; independent living for teens; and long term foster care.

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION CASELOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Cases Resolved
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	116	109	99
	Okaloosa	Crestview	58	48	31
	Santa Rosa	Milton	4	3	2
		Totals	178	160	132
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	15	14	12
	Leon	Tallahassee	201	189	151
	Wakulla	Crawfordville	16	14	14
		Totals	232	217	177
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	52	41	35
	Dixie	Cross City	28	27	21
	Hamilton	Jasper	3	3	3
	Madison	Madison	10	9	9
	Suwannee	Live Oak	26	25	23
	Taylor	Perry	16	15	12
		Totals	135	120	103
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	98	68	54
	Duval	Jacksonville	20	20	16
		Totals	118	88	70
5th	Citrus	Inverness	110	96	66
	Lake	Tavares	229	208	169
	Marion	Ocala	297	270	177
	Sumter	Bushnell	52	44	39
		Totals	688	618	451
6th	Pasco	Dade City	155	151	85
	Pinellas	Clearwater	179	162	124
		Totals	334	313	209
7th	Flagler/Putnam/ St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/ St. Augustine	*131	*101	*66
	Volusia	Deland	150	149	85
		Totals	281	250	151
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	100	84	59
	Baker	Macclenny	4	4	4
	Bradford	Starke	3	3	2
	Gilchrist	Trenton	11	8	8
	Levy	Bronson	20	17	16
	Union	Lake Butler	1	1	0
		Totals	139	117	89
9th	Orange	Orlando	25	25	16
	Osceola	Kissimmee	68	51	42
		Totals	93	76	58
10th	Polk	Bartow	405	171	101
		Totals	405	171	101

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION CASELOAD
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated	Case Resolved
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	89	79	64
		Totals	89	79	64
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	2	2	1
	Sarasota	Sarasota	17	11	8
		Totals	19	13	9
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	10	10	6
		Totals	10	10	6
14th	Calhoun	Blountstown	9	8	8
	Gulf	Port St. Joe	3	3	2
	Jackson	Marianna	40	35	29
		Totals	52	46	39
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	655	504	407
		Totals	655	504	407
16th	Monroe	Key West	19	18	13
		Totals	19	18	13
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	807	565	406
		Totals	807	565	406
18th	Seminole	Sanford	16	16	9
		Totals	16	16	9
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	No Program	NA	NA
	Martin	Stuart	No Program	NA	NA
	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	No Program	NA	NA
	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	No Program	NA	NA
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	18	18	Unavailable
	Lee	Fort Myers	61	**66	42
		Totals	79	84	42
Totals			4349	3465	2536

* The data for Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns counties are combined.

** Cases referred in the previous fiscal year were mediated after the start of the new fiscal year.

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**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	Arraignment	100
1st	Okaloosa	Crestview	Arraignment	100
1st	Santa Rosa	Milton	Arraignment	100
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	Adjudication	1
			Arraignment	92
			Termination of Parental Rights	7
2nd	Leon	Tallahassee	Adjudication	6
			Arraignment	87
			Termination of Parental Rights	7
2nd	Wakulla	Crawfordville	Adjudication	7
			Arraignment	86
			Termination of Parental Rights	7
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	Adjudication	2
			Arraignment	95
			Termination of Parental Rights	3
3rd	Dixie	Cross City	Arraignment	95
			Termination of Parental Rights	5
3rd	Hamilton	Jasper	Arraignment	100
3rd	Lafayette	Mayo	Arraignment	100
3rd	Madison	Madison	Arraignment	99
			Termination of Parental Rights	1
3rd	Suwannee	Live Oak	Adjudication	3
			Arraignment	95
			Termination of Parental Rights	2
3rd	Taylor	Perry	Arraignment	99
			Termination of Parental Rights	1
4th	Duval	Jacksonville	Arraignment	77
			Termination of Parental Rights	23
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	Arraignment	81
			Termination of Parental Rights	19
5th	Citrus	Inverness	Arraignment	95
			Shelter/Detention	5
5th	Lake	Tavares	Arraignment	62
			Shelter/Detention	36
			Termination of Parental Rights	2
5th	Marion	Ocala	Arraignment	90
			Shelter/Detention	8
			Termination of Parental Rights	2

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
5th	Sumter	Bushnell	Arrestment	60
			Shelter/Detention	25
			Termination of Parental Rights	15
6th	Pinellas	Clearwater	Arrestment	99
			Disposition	1
7th	Flagler/Putnam/ St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/ St. Augustine	Adjudication	*93
			Termination of Parental Rights	*7
7th	Volusia	Deland	Adjudication	15
			Arrestment	32
			Disposition	1
			Foster Care	10
			Shelter/Detention	11
			Termination of Parental Rights	31
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	Arrestment	57
			Disposition	1
			Foster Care	5
			Termination of Parental Rights	37
8th	Baker	Macclenny	Arrestment	75
			Disposition	25
8th	Bradford	Starke	Arrestment	33
			Termination of Parental Rights	67
8th	Gilchrist	Trenton	Arrestment	42
			Disposition	8
			Foster Care	8
			Termination of Parental Rights	42
8th	Levy	Bronson	Arrestment	71
			Foster Care	10
			Termination of Parental Rights	19
9th	Orange	Orlando	Shelter/Detention	98
			Termination of Parental Rights	2
9th	Osceola	Kissimmee	Shelter/Detention	100
10th	Polk	Bartow	Adjudication	47
			Arrestment	48
			Termination of Parental Rights	5
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	Unavailable	Unavailable
12th	Sarasota	Sarasota	Adjudication	18
			Arrestment	18
			Termination of Parental Rights	64
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	Termination of Parental Rights	100

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION CASE TYPES BY PERCENTAGES
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	Case Types	% of Cases
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	Adjudication	10
			Arrestment	60
			Disposition	20
			Termination of Parental Rights	10
14th	Calhoun	Blountstown	Arrestment	100
14th	Gulf	Port St. Joe	Arrestment	100
14th	Holmes	Bonifay	Arrestment	100
14th	Jackson	Marianna	Arrestment	100
14th	Washington	Chipley	Arrestment	100
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	Unavailable	Unavailable
16th	Monroe	Key West	Adjudication	15
			Arrestment	11
			Disposition	21
			Termination of Parental Rights	53
17th	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	Arrestment	40
			Disposition	30
			Shelter/Detention	15
			Termination of Parental Rights	15
18th	Seminole	Sanford	Adjudication	2
			Arrestment	75
			Disposition	11
			Foster Care	1
			Shelter/Detention	10
			Termination of Parental Rights	1
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	No Program	NA
19th	Martin	Stuart	No Program	NA
19th	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	No Program	NA
19th	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	No Program	NA
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	Unavailable	Unavailable
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	Adjudication	20
			Arrestment	20
			Disposition	20
			Foster Care	15
			Shelter/Detention	20
			Termination of Parental Rights	5

*The data for Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns counties are combined.

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**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
1st	Escambia	Pensacola	0	2	\$125	\$62.5	\$62.5	None
1st	Okaloosa	Crestview	0	3	\$125	\$62.5	\$62.5	None
1st	Santa Rosa	Milton	0	2	\$125	\$62.5	\$62.5	None
2nd	Franklin	Apalachicola	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Gadsden	Quincy	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Jefferson	Monticello	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Leon	Tallahassee	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Liberty	Bristol	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
2nd	Wakulla	Crawfordville	1	1	\$200/per session	None	\$100/per session	None
3rd	Columbia	Lake City	2	1	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Dixie	Cross City	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Hamilton	Jasper	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Lafayette	Mayo	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Madison	Madison	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Suwannee	Live Oak	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
3rd	Taylor	Perry	2	NA	\$75/per hour	\$75	\$75	None
4th	Clay	Green Cove Springs	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4th	Duval	Jacksonville	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4th	Nassau	Fernandina Beach	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5th	Citrus	Inverness	0	15	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Hernando	Brooksville	0	NA	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Lake	Tavares	0	14	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Marion	Ocala	0	15	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None
5th	Sumter	Bushnell	0	14	\$100/per hour	None	\$40	None

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
6th	Pasco	Dade City	0	8	\$200/flat fee	\$50	\$50	None
6th	Pinellas	Clearwater	0	7	\$200/flat fee	\$50	\$50	None
7th	Flagler/Putnam/ St. Johns	Bunnell/Palatka/ St. Augustine	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7th	Volusia	Deland	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8th	Alachua	Gainesville	1	6	\$200/per session	\$75	\$75	\$200
8th	Baker	Macclenny	1	6	\$225/per session	\$75	\$75	\$225
8th	Bradford	Starke	1	6	\$225/per session	\$75	\$75	\$225
8th	Gilchrist	Trenton	1	6	\$225/per session	\$75	\$75	\$225
8th	Levy	Bronson	1	6	\$225/per session	\$75	\$75	\$225
8th	Union	Lake Butler	1	6	\$225/per session	\$75	\$75	\$225
9th	Orange	Orlando	0	11	\$20/per ea. 15 min. for first 3 hours	\$60 or \$80 based on date of notification	\$80	None
9th	Osceola	Kissimmee	1	2	\$20/per ea. 15 min. for first 3 hours	\$60 or \$80 based on date of notification	\$80	None
10th	Highlands	Sebring	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10th	Polk	Bartow	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
11th	Miami-Dade	Miami	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12th	Desoto	Arcadia	1	3	\$60/per hour up to 4 hours	\$60/ if cancelled within 24 hours	\$60	\$240
12th	Manatee	Bradenton	1	3	\$60/per hour up to 4 hours	\$60/ if cancelled within 24 hours	\$60	\$240
12th	Sarasota	Sarasota	1	3	\$60/per hour up to 4 hours	\$60/ if cancelled within 24 hours	\$60	\$240

**DEPENDENCY MEDIATION PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION
FISCAL YEAR 2009—2010 (CONTINUED)**

Circuit	County	County Seat	No. of Staff Mediators	No. of Contract Mediators	Rate of Comp. for Contract Mediators	Comp. for Cancel	Comp. for Non-appear	Max. Amt of Comp.
13th	Hillsborough	Tampa	0	4	\$150/per case	None	\$150	\$150
13th	South Shore	Tampa	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
14th	Bay	Panama City	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
14th	Calhoun	Blountstown	1	2	\$100/per hour	\$75	\$100	None
14th	Gulf	Port St. Joe	1	2	\$100/per hour	\$75	\$100	None
14th	Holmes	Bonifay	1	2	\$100/per hour	\$75	\$100	None
14th	Jackson	Marianna	1	2	\$100/per hour	\$75	\$100	None
14th	Washington	Chipley	1	2	\$100/per hour	\$75	\$100	None
15th	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	5	3	\$125	None	\$50/per hour	None
16th	Monroe	Key West	2	0	\$100/per hour	None	\$50 + Travel	\$300
17th	Broward	Fort Lauderdale	6	6	\$60/per hour	\$60/if cancelled the day of	\$60	None
18th	Brevard	Titusville	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
18th	Seminole	Sanford	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	Indian River	Vero Beach	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	Martin	Stuart	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19th	St. Lucie	Ft. Pierce	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20th	Charlotte	Punta Gorda	0	2	\$100/per hour	None	\$100/per hour	None
20th	Collier	East Naples	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20th	Lee	Fort Myers	0	5	\$100/per hour	None	\$100/per hour	None

*No volunteer mediators are used in dependency programs.

**Dependency mediators in the Fifth Circuit provide mediations services to all counties as needed.

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Circuit Civil Mediation Introduction

Under the mediation statutes, circuit court mediation includes non-family civil cases over \$15,000. The case types include, but are not limited to: contract, personal injury, auto negligence, probate and professional malpractice. Most civil trial judges in Florida refer at least part of their caseload to circuit court mediation and it is not uncommon for judges to require parties to attempt mediation prior to setting a trial date.

Mediation parties have 10 days from the trial court's order of referral to mediation to select a mediator. Parties may select either a certified or a non-certified mediator [see Rule 1.720(f), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure]. If the parties do not make a selection, the court appoints a mediator, and, in that event, the mediator must be certified. In general, parties are represented by counsel. If a party is represented by counsel, the attorney is required to attend the mediation and may frequently play a major role in the negotiations. Depending on case complexity, mediations may last from several hours to several days.

Circuit civil mediation differs from the other areas of court-connected mediation in that mediation personnel play a limited role, if any, in administering and/or providing this type of mediation service. Generally, circuit civil mediation referrals go directly to the parties who select and compensate their own private mediators. It is the parties or attorneys who select and compensate these private mediators. Mediation fees are usually shared between the parties.

This unique dynamic presents a challenge to local courts in their attempt to accurately capture and report the number of referrals, mediations and cases resolved through circuit court mediation. Therefore, rather than report inaccurate or unreliable information it was decided not to report the statistics for circuit court mediation.

Appellate Mediation

Under the new certification rules and procedures, mediators who wish to be certified in appellate mediation must first be certified as family, dependency and/or circuit court mediators and complete a certified appellate mediation training. It is anticipated that, with this new certification, the state's District Courts of Appeal (DCA) will be offering mediation of appellate cases and these statistics will be included in subsequent Compendiums.

Appellate mediation programs offer attorneys and their clients an avenue to negotiate a settlement of their disputes while simultaneously pursuing their appellate rights. Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, authorizes the use of appellate mediation, and procedural operation is pursuant to administrative order adopted by the Florida Supreme Court. [In re Amendments to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, Supreme Court of Florida, July 1, 2010, 41 So. 3rd 161 (SC09-118)].

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Fifth District Court of Appeal Program Overview

CATEGORY	NUMBER
Total Cases Considered for Mediation	580
Total of Cases Unacceptable for Mediation	359
Total of Cases Ordered to Mediation	158
Total of Cases with no Agreement	73
Total of Cases Dismissed After Mediation	29

Arbitration/Voluntary Trial Resolution

State court arbitration is statutorily divided into two categories: court-ordered/non-binding and voluntary/binding. Judges may assign non-binding arbitration cases to a single arbitrator or a panel of three. In 1994, the Supreme Court of Florida adopted the *Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators*, which contain qualifications, standards of professional conduct and rules of discipline for court-appointed arbitrators. While there are rules of procedure for court-connected arbitration, there is no certification process for court-connected arbitrators.

In 1999, the Florida Legislature amended Section 44.104, Florida Statutes to include a procedure similar to voluntary binding arbitration: voluntary trial resolution. Under this option, parties may elect to have their case heard by a member of The Florida Bar who renders a decision in the case. Unlike voluntary binding arbitration, however, the trial resolution judge's award is appealable directly to the appropriate appellate court.

During FY 2009-2010, a total of 500 cases state-wide were referred to non-binding arbitration (including county and circuit cases). These 500 cases were arbitrated within the eight counties that are successfully operating non-binding arbitration programs.

**ARBITRATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Circuit	County	Circuit Cases Referred	Circuit Cases Arbitrated	Trial De Novo-Circuit	County Cases Referred	County Cases Arbitrated	Trial De Novo-County	No. of Arbitrators	Arbitrators Single and/or Panel	Type Cases	%
6th	Pasco	7	3	0	0	0	0	3	Both	Professional Malpractice	43
										Contract	29
										Other	28
6th	Pinellas	27	10	5	0	0	0	10	Both	Personal Injury	18
										Contract	41
										Real Property/Mtg Foreclosure	5
										Other: Consumer	36
7th	Flagler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Single	Contract	0
7th	Putnam	1	1	Unknown	0	0	0	1	Single	Contract	100
7th	St. Johns	0	0	Unknown	0	0	0	0	Single	NA	NA
7th	Volusia	7	6	Unknown	0	0	0	4	Single	Contract	43
										Real Property/Mtg Foreclosure	43
										Other	14
13th	Hillsborough-Tampa	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Both (parties can choose)	Personal Injury	100
17th	Broward	189	89	53	268	133	106	139	Single	Personal Injury	36
										Contract	11
										Auto Negligence	23
										Real Property/Mtg Foreclosure	5
										Other	25
Totals		231	109	58	269	133	106	157			

Note: The circuits and counties listed above are the only circuits and counties that have Arbitration Programs.