

**Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) Opinions
Categorized By Subject Matter
2004 - Present**

Opinion	Keyword Description(s)
<i>Advertising / Marketing</i>	
2013-008	Hiring a Market Firm
2012-008	Training remuneration
2011-010	Supreme Court County Court “Trained” Mediator
2011-009	Marketing – explaining mediation
2011-008	Marketing as a former judge
2010-013	Marketing as a former judge
2010-003	Marketing as a former judge
2010-001	Facebook
2009-008	Several marketing questions
2009-006	Marketing
2009-005	Marketing as an expert
2009-001	Dual roles – magistrate and mediator
2008-005	Marketing
2008-003	Use of a logo in marketing
2007-006	Marketing as a former judge
2006-001	Marketing
2004-005	Marketing – providing business card
2004-001	Marketing as a former judge
<i>Advice, Opinions or Information</i>	
2010-006	Mediation techniques
2009-007	Mediator’s explanation of a judgment
2008-004	Impasse avoidance techniques
2008-002	Mediator’s impartiality in asking questions
2006-006	Mediator obligation to advise a party of the <i>right</i> to seek counsel
<i>Business Practices</i>	
2016-002	Title “Officer of the Court.”
2014-005	Contingency fee
2013-004	Contributing to a judicial campaign or signing a petition
2011-015	Certification credentials to obtain a discount
2006-004	Mediator displays “unbecoming” demeanor outside role of mediator
2005-001	HOA Program billing procedures
2004-012	Charges for CME

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<i>Confidentiality</i>	
2014-010	Mediating re local rule 9019-2(C)(4) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
2014-007	Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program
2013-007	Mediated agreement and confidentiality
2013-003	Reporting parties to officials requires termination
2013-001	Reports to the court
2012-010	Agreement without all signatures
2012-007	Reporting parties who commit crime
2012-005	Mediating in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida
2012-002	Reporting acts of attorney
2012-001	Disclosing non confidential communications
2011-007	Mediation techniques
2011-003	Reporting attorney misconduct
2011-002	DFS Insurance Mediation Conference form
2010-002	Party access to mediation communications
2009-011	Self-determination of parties
2007-001	Reports to the court
2006-008	Reporting nonattendance and nonpayment to the court
2006-005	Reporting attorney to The Florida Bar
2006-003	Reporting lack of settlement authority
2005-005	Confidentiality of complaint
2005-003	The Committee lacks the jurisdiction to answer question
2004-011	Acts that comprise mediator integrity
2004-010	Written apology in settlement agreement
<i>Conflicts of Interest</i>	
2015-003	Mediator and arbitrator for same case
2014-009	Trainee dual roles
2013-011	Conflict of interest in vendor expectation
2013-010	Clear conflict of interest - party's attorney related to mediator
2012-006	Conflict of interest – adoption
2012-004	Conflict of interest
2012-003	Conflict is resolvable with appropriate mediator disclosures and party agreement
2011-017	Dual role of mediator and interpreter or translator
2011-016	Attorney obligations beyond MEAC jurisdiction
2011-014	Disclosure of relationships

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2011-011	Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes
2011-004	Dual roles – mediator and notary
2010-009	Dual roles
2010-008	Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Programs (RMFMP)
2009-009	Conflict of interest
2009-004	Ongoing professional relationships
2009-003	Marketing
2009-002	Mediator and arbitrator for same case
2008-008	Conflict of interest
2008-007	Conflict of interest
2007-005	Preparing retirement orders
2005-006	Ongoing professional relationships
2005-004	Representing same parties after mediation in same case
2005-002	Judicial assistant
2004-008	Conflict of interest – daughter law firm
2004-007	Conflict of interest – case by case basis
2004-004	Drafting forms and representing parties post mediation
<i>Procedures</i>	
2016-001	Using caucus
2015-005	Verbal discussion satisfies rule 10.420(c)
2015-002	Reporting appearance of parties
2015-001	Banning laptops
2014-011	Filing notice with the court
2014-008	Orientation session is mandatory
2014-006	Filing a Notice of Mediation with the court
2014-004	Common language for session and written agreement
2014-002	Reporting outcomes to the court Note: This opinion rescinds MEAC 2012-009, <i>Answer to Question One</i>
2013-012	Mediating re local rule 9019-2(A)(5), United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida
2013-009	Dual role of mediator and notary
2013-006	Raising issues during mediation
2013-005	Filing items with the court
2012-009	Reporting outcomes to the court Note: MEAC 2014-002 rescinds MEAC 2012-009, <i>Answer to Question One</i>
2011-018	Reporting abuse
2011-013	Phone call during mediation

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2011-012	Banning cellular communication during the mediation process
2011-006	Question outside the jurisdiction of MEAC
2011-005	Upon the request or demand of a party, the mediator must declare an impasse
2011-001	Signing written settlement agreement in the capacity of mediator
2010-014	Compelling attendance
2010-012	Do not mediate if required to break rules
2010-011	Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation
2010-010	Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program
2010-007	Reporting outcomes to the court
2010-005	Mediation techniques
2010-004	Raising questions and role of notary
2009-010	Form completion in small claims court
2008-006	Participation in caucus
2008-001	Inappropriate role of mediator
2007-004	Judicial requirement limiting the participants
2007-003	Mediating continued case with only some parties
2007-002	Filing circuit agreement with the court
2006-007	Parties, not mediator, dictates participants
2006-002	Judicial intervention and party self-determination
2005-007	Reports to the court – rescheduling
2004-009	Terminating a mediation including fraud or duress
2004-006	Declining to participate

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