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Revised Rule 16 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio (attached), effective Jan. 1, 2007, states that “a division of the court of common pleas, municipal court, and county court shall consider, and may adopt, a local rule providing for mediation.” If you currently have a local court rule providing for mediation it must include the applicable provisions by Jan. 1, 2007.

To meet these requirements, the Supreme Court has prepared resources to assist in drafting a local court rule providing for mediation. The following steps will guide you through these resources:

- Step One: Go to: [www.supremecourtsohio.gov/dispute\\_resolution](http://www.supremecourtsohio.gov/dispute_resolution), click on “Rule 16. Mediation: Local Rule Guide” to access the “Table of Contents.”
- Step Two: To create your local rule, click on “Rule 16. Mediation” and become familiar with the required provisions. Next, under “Creating a Local Rule,” click on the applicable type of court to access the following resources: 1) “Directions for the Use of the Local Rule Guide,” 2) the “Local Rule Guide,” 3) a “Sample Local Rule,” and 4) “Relevant Statutes.” After reading the directions and reviewing the additional resources as necessary, customize your local rule using the guide.
- Step Three: Pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence Rule 5. Local Rules, adopt the local rule after providing appropriate notice and an opportunity to comment and, on or before the first day of February, e-mail to: [clerk@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:clerk@sconet.state.oh.us) or send to: Supreme Court of Ohio, Office of the Clerk, 65 South Front Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431.

If you do not have access to the Dispute Resolution Section Web site or need additional assistance, please contact Dispute Resolution Section Manager, Jacqueline C. Hagerott at [hagerotj@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:hagerotj@sconet.state.oh.us) or 614.387.9422.

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Attachment: Supreme Court of Ohio Rules of Superintendence - Rule 16. Mediation