Supreme Court of Ohio

Dispute Resolution Section

Fall 2026 Dispute Resolution Programs

All programs are virtual on Zoom
(except November 12, 2026 program is hybrid)

Advanced Parenting Coordination Training
October 5, 2026
1:00 pm – 4:15 pm

From Conflict to Connection: Transforming Parenting Coordination Through the Use of AI

Presenter: Dr. Debra Carter, Bradenton, Florida

Participants will examine how digital tools and platforms can help overcome traditional barriers to accessing parenting coordination services, particularly for parents with limited resources. The workshop will highlight and compare traditional solutions for resolving parenting time disputes with tech-based solutions that include the current landscape of AI and electronic tools/apps. Content will also address the importance of digital literacy for PCs and parents and addressing important considerations around ethics, digital equity, privacy, and user experience.

To register, click here.

Elder Mediation Training
October 6 and 7, 2026
8:15 am – 4:45 pm each day

Presenters: Susan Butterwick, Michigan
Zena Zumeta, Michigan

This training focuses on adult guardianship and family caregiver mediation and the differences between other types of mediation and elder mediation. In this training participants will focus on the mediator's responsibility toward inclusion of the older person's voice in the mediation and techniques for working in multiparty family mediations.

To register, click here.

Complex Challenges for Family Practitioners

November 12, 2026
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

In-person with virtual option
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center
65 S. Front Street, Columbus OH 43215

9:30 am – 10:30 am
Resistance, Resilience & the Right Response: A Trauma-Responsive Approach to Protection, Coping and Helping Children Do Hard Things

Presenter: Amy Armstrong, Worthington, Ohio

How do we know when a child or parent needs protection from a parent and when they need support to do something hard? This training explores the important distinction between stress and trauma and offers a trauma-responsive framework for responding to distress without inadvertently reinforcing fear, avoidance, or helplessness. Participants will learn to use curiosity, coaching questions, and a simple framework to promote safety, coping, agency, and resilience in children and families.

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
The Emerging Impact of AI on Ohio Families and Family Professionals: Utopia or Dystopia?

Presenters: Justice Tom Altobelli, Federal Circuit & Family Court, Sydney, Australia
Judge Randall Fuller, Delaware Co. Domestic Relations Court

Family law professionals have long been fluent in complexity. What AI and other emerging technologies now demand is fluency in forms of complexity we have never previously encountered. Ultimately, how we respond to these increasing intricacies involve a matter of professional skill and professional attitude. Do we allow it to paralyze our thinking and practice? Or do we deliberately develop the capabilities, judgement, and mindset required to engage with AI and make it an ally rather than an obstacle? The practical aim of this presentation is to help family law professionals understand emerging technological complexity, and to choose responses—through skill, judgement, and attitude—that allow AI to be engaged with rather than feared.

To register for the in-person option, click here.

To register for the virtual option, click here.

Coming in 2027 – Save the Date!

March 16, 2027
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

The Art of Impasse-Breaking for Mediators

Presenter: David Hoffman, Boston, Massachusetts