

NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

Consisting of the following Counties (and County Seats):

Fulton (Lewistown 309-547-3041)

Hancock (Carthage 217-357-2616)

Henderson (Oquawka 309-867-3121)

Knox (Galesburg 309-345-3859)

McDonough (Macomb 309-837-4889)

Warren (Monmouth 309-734-5179)

NOTICE OF MEDIATION

You are required to participate in **Mediation** if you and your child's other parent are unable to agree on any of the following issues concerning your child:

- **Custody Issues**
- **Visitation Issues**
- **Removing your child's residence from the State of Illinois.**

MEDIATION REQUIREMENTS

1. You are required to attend a minimum of three hours of mediation.
2. You must complete a Parenting Education Program as soon as possible before you begin Mediation. You must complete a Parenting Education Program even if you and your child's other parent agree on all issues concerning your child. Proof of completion of your Parenting Education program must be filed at the Circuit Clerk's Office.
3. A list of approved mediators may be obtained from the Circuit Clerk's Office at the Courthouse. You may also obtain a list of approved mediators on the Web at <http://9thjudicial.org/circuitrules.htm>. Download the document: "*List of Mediators/Word Document*".
4. If you and your child's other parent are unable to agree on an approved mediator, you must petition the judge assigned to your case to select an approved mediator.
5. Mediation is based on a full disclosure of all facts related to the dispute so that a fair agreement can be reached by the parties.
6. Mediation is confidential. Except as provided by law, anything said or submitted in writing for mediation is confidential and may not be disclosed by the mediator or by the other party, except to each party's own attorney or counselors.
7. You must contact the mediator for an appointment within 3 days of agreeing to a mediator or being assigned a mediator by the Court.