



AMBER M. SERWAT MEDIATION

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CURRICULUM VITAE

for

AMBER M. SERWAT, MA

FAMILY MEDIATOR | DIVORCE COACH

PARENTING COORDINATOR | PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR

EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATOR

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Employment

2005 – Present

Private Practice – Amber M. Serwat, LLC

I provide superior professional divorce and parenting services which are efficient, effective, respectful, informative, and non-judgmental. I help my clients achieve affordable, real life, workable solutions. My client-centered process empowers individuals to create fair and reasonable agreements which satisfy their unique needs and circumstances. Two key components of my philosophy are conserving financial resources and developing successful Parenting Partnerships.

Currently serving as a Social Early Neutral Evaluator for the Dakota County ENE Pilot Program launched in May, 2010.

2007 – 2010

Affiliate of Erickson Mediation Institute

Professional association included a 100 hour internship as well as ongoing mentorship and training with EMI founders, Steve Erickson and Marilyn McKnight who are nationally recognized mediators with over 60 years combined mediation experience.

Education

5/2007

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

9/2006

Graduate Certificate of Dispute Resolution

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN

5/2007

Graduate Certificate in Ethics & Leadership

College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

5/1991

Bachelor of Arts in Family Resources and Human Development

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Professional Qualifications

Since 2005

MN Rule 114 Qualified Neutral – Family and Civil Mediation

Since 2009

Early Neutral Evaluator Training (Social and Financial)

Minnesota Judicial Branch

PTE and PC Training

Mediation Center for Dispute Resolution/Hamline University

Professional Accomplishments

2010 Selected for Dakota County ENE Pilot Program

Professional Memberships

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

AFCC Minnesota Chapter

SW Suburbs PC/PTE Professional Consultation Group

Cooperative Practice Network of Minnesota

BNI – MN Valley Chapter

Personal Experience

As a divorced parent of two children and a step-parent, I am uniquely qualified to provide parenting services for conflicted parents. I have walked a similar path, shared similar frustrations, felt similar concerns and fears. I've experienced an adversarial divorce and its negative impact on parenting. I've used mediation and hired a Parenting Consultant. Over time (and with a lot of hard work) my parenting partner and I transformed our high conflict relationship into an effective and cooperative parenting partnership.

Parenting Beliefs

I believe children need and want both parents to be significantly involved in their lives. Fathers and Mothers are each irreplaceable—they are the only two people who can give their children what they need from a mother or father.

I believe parents are experts about their family's life; therefore, my services are client-centered and encourage self-determination. I encourage and empower my clients to control their own outcomes.

I believe parenting partners need a parenting bridge between their individual and separate lives in order to succeed. I help divorcing (or divorced) parents build strong, durable and safe parenting bridges and help them succeed despite the challenges of separate parenting.

Personal Interests

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, writing, travel, cooking, and gardening.