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AMBER M. SERWAT, MA

MEDIATOR | COACH

PARENTING CONSULTANT | PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR

EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATOR | CUSTODY EVALUATOR

MN FAMILY LAW BASICS EDUCATOR

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Employment

2007 – Present Private Practice – Amber M. Serwat, LLC

Offering specialized family law Alternative Dispute Resolution services including mediation, early neutral evaluations, custody and parenting time evaluations, parenting consultant and parenting time expeditor services, and coaching. Client-centered process empowers individuals to customize agreements which satisfy their unique needs and circumstances. Efficient, effective, respectful, informative, and non-judgmental services focus on achieving affordable and workable solutions.

2007 – 2010 Affiliate of Erickson Mediation Institute

Professional affiliation included a 100-hour internship as well as ongoing mentorship and training with EMI founders, Steve Erickson and Marilyn McKnight.

Education

5/2007 Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (Dispute Resolution Track)

College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

5/2007 Graduate Certificate in Ethics & Leadership

College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

9/2006 Graduate Certificate of Dispute Resolution

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN

5/1991 Bachelor of Arts in Family Resources and Human Development

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Specialized Training and 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

2011-2015 Parents Forever Educator

University of Minnesota Extension

Since 2012 Custody Evaluation Certification

Solomon's Surrogates

Since 2015 MN Family Law Basics Educator

Curriculum approved by the MN State Supreme Court

ADR and ENE Rosters

MN ADR Rosters	Family Law Facilitative/Hybrid, PC, PTE, SENE, and FENE
County SENE Rosters	Dakota, Scott, Carver, Goodhue, Hennepin, and Washington
County FENE Rosters	Dakota, Scott, Carver, and Goodhue

Professional Memberships

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

AFCC Minnesota Chapter

PC/PTE and CE Professional Peer Consult Groups

Training

I complete on-going training every year that exceeds requirements; the following is an overview:

AAML Divorce Camp 2010 - 2019, 2022 - 2025

MNCLE Family Law Institute 2017 - 2019, 2022 - 2025

AFCC Affirmative Practice w/LGBTQ+ Clients & Family Members - 12.11.23

AFCC MN Concept Creep: The Meaning of Crucial Terms Getting Lost in Family Courts – 9.15.23

IDFA One Sentence to Divide a Pension is Not Enough - 11.21.23

AFCC MN Unlocking Your Implicit Bias – 7.27.23

AFCC What Works (and What Doesn't) for Kids & Adults in Blended Families – 10.18.23

MN CLE Important changes to CS Guidelines – 8.31.22

AFCC MN No Offense, But Microaggressions Matter – 11.19.21

OFW Best Practices for the Future of Family Law Mediation – 10.27.20

AFCC 14th Symposium on Child Custody – 11.9-13.2020

AFCC MN ½ Day ADR Conference – 11.7.17

AFCC What About Me: Strategies for Including Children in Family Court Proceeding – 9.19.17

AFCC MN Implicit Bias: Moving Towards A Trauma-Response Justice System – 7.20.17

AFCC MN Reunification Therapy: The Oxymoron of Family Court – 7.14.16

MN CLE The Strategic Negotiator: How to Use Competitive & Collaborative Techniques – 6.2.16

AFCC MN Sex, Lies, and Facebook – 2.24.12

MN ADR Program Advanced ENE Training – 12.10.14

AFCC MN The 3Rs for Families in Crisis: Research, Resources, and Respect – 7.22.11

AFCC MN Business Valuation Lunch & Learn – 4.15.11

AFCC Why Can't Baby Spend the Night? Revisiting Parenting Plans for Young Children – 2.11.11

EMI Mediating with High Conflict People – 2.4.11

AFCC MN Intensive Interventions for High Conflict People – 7.16.10

AFCC MN Juvenile Mediation Seminar – 3.5.10

EMI Positive Divorce – 4.14.09

CRM Annual Conference “Building Bridges” – 5.2.08

Presentations

Family Law Institute – 2019, 2023, 2025

North Star Financial WISE Conference – 9.8.25

MN CLE Hot Topics in Family Law – 12.11.24

AFCC MN Concept Creep Panel – 9.15.23

Powerhouse Legal PC Training – 10.8.23

North Star Financial Summer Summit – 7.19.18

Parenting Beliefs

Fathers and Mothers are vitally important to a child’s well-being and development.

Children need both parents meaningfully involved in their lives.

Parents are experts about their lives, children, and finances; therefore, services are client-centered and encourage self-determination. My services encourage parents to control their own outcomes by customizing mutually beneficial agreements.

Separate parenting is not easy. Parents often need professional guidance navigating the transition into their separate lives and homes. I help parents establish workable parenting protocols that ensure success despite the challenges of separate parenting.

Personal Experience

As a divorced parent of two children and stepparent, 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.

Personal Information

I am Minnesota born and raised. I live in Savage with my Husband Tony. Our three amazing adult children live in Twin Cities. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, cooking, and gardening. I am an animal lover and “grandma” to two dogs, three cats, and few other creatures.

I am an LGBTQ+ ally.