



AMBER M. SERWAT MEDIATION

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for

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**
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 Professional Peer Consult Groups

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 and wonder dog "Duke." 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.