



AMBER M. SERWAT MEDIATION

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CURRICULUM VITAE

for

AMBER M. SERWAT, MA

FAMILY MEDIATOR | DIVORCE COACH

PARENTING CONSULTANT | PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR

EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATOR | CUSTODY EVALUATOR

MN FAMILY LAW BASICS EDUCATOR

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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.

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.

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

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

Professional Accomplishments

- 2010** Selected for Dakota County ENE Pilot Program
- 2012** Named to Scott and Carver County SENE and FENE Rosters
- 2017** Named to Goodhue County SENE Roster

Professional Memberships

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
AFCC Minnesota Chapter
SW Suburbs PC/PTE Professional Consultation Group
MN Cooperative Practice Network

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 separate 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.