

**Family Court of St. Louis County**  
**Court Approved Mediator List**  
**Notice About Mediator List**

As a public service, the Family Court of St. Louis County maintains this list of private individuals who are available to serve as mediators. Mediators on the Court Approved List have certified that they meet the qualifications set by the Family Court of St. Louis County for mediating all relevant issues raised in a dissolution petition or motion to modify; these include property, financial arrangements, child custody, and related parenting issues. They are attorneys or persons who have a graduate degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or a related field. ***The Family Court takes no position as to the relative skills of any individual listed as a Court Approved Mediator nor does the Court take any responsibility for the services provided by such individuals.*** All descriptive information about the mediators contained in this list is provided to the Court by the mediators themselves. Parties may select any qualified person to mediate their divorce or related legal proceeding regardless of whether or not the mediator's name appears on this list.

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Amato, Susan L.  
230 S. Bemiston, Suite 510  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 150                      **Hourly Fee:** \$300  
**Phone:** (314)727-7122

**Professional Experience:**

Susan L. Amato, J.D. is an experienced family law attorney and mediator, in private practice in Clayton, MO who concentrates her practice exclusively in the family law area. Ms. Amato received her bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University and her law degree from Washington University. Ms. Amato is an Advanced Practitioner member of the Academy of Professional Family Mediators, serves as a board member of the Association of Missouri Mediators, is a member of the International Association of Collaborative Professionals, was the founding President of the Collaborative Family Law Association in St. Louis, and is listed in the Best Lawyers in America under the areas of Collaborative Family Law and Mediation. For more information visit [www.amatofamilylaw.com](http://www.amatofamilylaw.com)

**Reduced Fee Program:** None noted.

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Ambrose, Alexis  
The Law Offices of Jill Puertas  
8000 Bonhomme, Suite 220  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$200  
**Phone:** 814-434-9332

**Professional Experience:**

Education: Washington University in St. Louis, B.A. English and Legal Studies, Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D. Licensed in MO and PA.  
Training: Core Mediation Training and Domestic Relations Training Through March Mediation

**Reduced Fee Program:** None noted

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Bauer, Ann E.  
230 S. Bemiston Ave., Suite 405  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 100      **Hourly Fee:** \$  
**Phone:** (314) 721-8844

**Professional Experience:**

I have extensive training and experience in mediation, collaborative law, and litigation. Mediation and collaborative law are settlement-focused and should be primary considerations for parties in family law disputes. I believe the combination of a law degree and a master's degree in child development give me a unique perspective in family cases, particularly custody cases. I believe that parenting plans should be carefully crafted for the particular family's circumstances and not "off the shelf." Mediation should also be tailored to the couple's needs. I welcome attorneys to participate in the mediation if requested. I have the expertise to assist with complex financial issues, including business valuations and maintenance. I am a past chair of the Missouri Bar Family Law Section, a founding member of the St. Louis Collaborative Family Law Association, and a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), a national organization that promotes the highest degree of professionalism and ethics in the practice of family law. For more information visit [www.thecenterforfamilylaw.com](http://www.thecenterforfamilylaw.com) (Clayton and St. Charles offices)

**Reduced Fee Program:** Will consider a reduced fee depending on the circumstances.

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Beach, Douglas  
190 Carondelet Plaza, Suite 1100  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 50      **Hourly Fee:** \$300  
**Phone:** (314) 334-5267

**Professional Experience:**

New England School of Law JD (cum laude) 1973  
Mo Bar Association Family Law Section  
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 1993 - Present  
Best Lawyers America - Family Law  
AFCC  
Circuit Judge - Family Court - 2005 - 2018  
JAMS - Neutral - Mediator  
Parent Coordinator

**Reduced Fee Program:** Willing to consider cases for reduction of fee.  
Will consider reduced pricing of fees for Court Appointed.  
Will consider set fees if St. Louis County approved required mediation.

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Block, Susan E., Retired Judge  
Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal  
165 N. Meramec Ave., Suite 110  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$275  
**Phone:** (314) 244-3640

**Professional Experience:**

As former Administrative Judge of the Family Court of the St. Louis County, I was a strong voice for mediation. In my 25 years of judicial service, I have resolved numerous divorce cases by either settlement or trial. I believe my experience would be helpful in saving parents the increasing high financial and emotional cost of going to trial. I want to help parents make their own decisions, particularly in child custody matters.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Individual cases based on need.

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Bridges, John Thomas  
7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1850  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** 10-25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 52                      **Hourly Fee:** \$200  
**Phone:** 314-862-8888

**Professional Experience:**

B.A. Saint Louis University; J.D. Saint Louis University

I have been in private practice since 2009 focusing extensively in family law. In addition, I am frequently appointed as a Guardian ad Litem by the Court to represent children.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Individual cases will be considered based on need.

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Brough, Gregory  
9666 Olive Blvd, Suite 690  
Olivette, MO 63132

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 194                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** (314)725-0001

**Professional Experience:**

I have been an attorney for more than thirty years. I am frequently appointed by the Court to represent children in divorce proceedings I am a current member and a past president of the Collaborative Family Law Association. I want to help people stay out of a courtroom, and to help them resolve their issues in a respectful and reasonable manner.

**Reduced Fee Program:** I will consider providing my services at a reduced fee or at no charge under appropriate circumstances.

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Cotten, Armeta  
2820 Lafayette, Suite One  
St. Louis, MO 63104

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$150  
**Phone:** 314 664-3644

**Professional Experience:**

I am an experienced family law attorney and court appointed guardian at litem. I graduated from Washington University School of Law in 1983 and am a member of the Missouri Bar and Mound City Bar Associations. Juris Doctorate, MBA, Family Law emphasis; Guardian Ad Litem.

**Reduced Fee Program:** I will consider fee reduction on individual basis.

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Eisen, Richard J.  
120 S. Central Avenue, Suite 150  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** (314) 881-2363

**Professional Experience:**

Licensed in Missouri, 1981, Licensed in Illinois, 1982. Completed mediation training, 1995. Has 30 years of experience practicing law in the area of family law. Successfully mediated family law matters since 1995.

B.A. Washington University 1978; J.D. Washington & Lee University 1981.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Depending on the financial resources of clients consideration of a lower rate would be given.

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Erker, Sr., Rocco V  
6242 Columbia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63139

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 150                      **Hourly Fee:** \$200  
**Phone:** (314) 645-1500

**Professional Experience:**

Rocco V. Erker is an experienced mediator and arbitrator. He has been involved in assisting people with disputes of many years. He believes that mediation is a kinder and gentler way of resolving disputes, and it allows the validation of the parties by letting them have their voices heard. It also allows the parties to resolve disputes in a more humane and expeditious manner, and one in which they can affect the outcome. He does not pass judgment on the participants, nor assess the value of their position - but he listens to them, moderates communication between them, and guides the process toward the most satisfactory outcome for all sides.

Let him be your guide, as he assists you in taking control of your disputes and achieving your peace of mind. He will empower you to make the most prudent decisions about how to best resolve your disputes.

Please refer to the website at [cneterpintdr.com](http://cneterpintdr.com) for additional information.

Master of Science degree in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution from Creighton University School of Law.

**Reduced Fee Program:** A sliding scale is available depending on the circumstances. Call for additional information.

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Frager, Julius Z., J.D., M.B.A.  
13112 Piedmont Court  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 200                      **Hourly Fee:** \$150  
**Phone:** (314)434-4200

**Professional Experience:**

Juris Doctoris Washington University Law School; M.B.A. Harvard University graduate Business School. PREP© Training to teach skills to help couples.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Case by case basis.

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Frankel, Leonard J.  
231 S. Bemiston Ave., Suite 1111  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 150                      **Hourly Fee:** \$325  
**Phone:** (314) 725-8000

**Professional Experience:**

I've been mediating cases since 1994. I also taught mediation Theory & Practice at Washington University School of Law for more than 10 years. My Mediation practice consists of family law matters and all types of civil disputes.

**Reduced Fee Program:** On a case by case basis, including pro bono where appropriate.

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Freed, Alan E.  
165 N. Meramec, Suite 110  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 350      **Hourly Fee:** \$350  
**Phone:** 314 244-3653

**Professional Experience:**

Alan E. Freed has been mediating divorces since 1986. He is a former adjunct professor of mediation at the Washington U. School of Law, the author of the chapter on mediation in the Missouri Bar Family Law Desk Book, and a recipient of multiple honors for his mediation expertise. He has twice been named St. Louis "Lawyer of the Year" by "Best Lawyers" in the area of Family Law Mediation, and once in the area of Mediation. He has also been honored three times as St. Louis "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Collaborative Law: Family Law. Alan was the 2016 recipient of the Roger P. Krumm Family Law Award, given by the Missouri Bar. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a 2011 honoree of the Association of Missouri Mediators. Alan is a founding member of the Collaborative Family Law Association, and has served as that organization's president. He also is a past board president of Kids In The Middle. Alan is a 1983 graduate of the Washington University School of Law. More information is available at <https://www.pcblawfirm.com/attorneys/alan-e-freed/>

**Reduced Fee Program:** Considered on a case-by case basis

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Gerli, Allison  
The Center for Family Law  
230 S. Bemiston Ave., Ste. 405  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
agerli@thecenterforfamilylaw.com

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10-25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 76      **Hourly Fee:** \$275  
**Phone:** 314-721-8844

**Fax:** 314-721-8855

**Professional Experience:**

I have practiced exclusively in the area of family law for 9 years and am devoted to helping families. Whether I am serving as a mediator, appointed as Guardian ad Litem, or representing parents, I believe everyone benefits from reaching agreements outside of court in most cases. Mediation allows individuals to have a say in the process and a more active role in the outcome, while keeping costs down.

**Reduced Fee Program:** This is determined on a case-by-case basis.

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Graves, Jennifer  
3488 Jeffco Blvd, Suite 101  
Arnold, MO 63010

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** (636) 797-3004

**Professional Experience:**

Graduate of University of Missouri (Psychology and English); J.D. from St. Louis Univeristy School of Law in 2001. Concentration on family law, guardian ad litem cases, mediator of family cases and Parent Coordinator in St. Louis County and Jefferson County Courts.

**Reduced Fee Program:** \$150/hr if represented by CLAM or if one party represented by Legal Services of Missouri

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Haberstock, Simone  
2016 South Big Bend Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63117

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 500                      **Hourly Fee:** \$295  
**Phone:** (314) 431-0260

**Professional Experience:**

Divorce or separation from a partner is a time of enormous change and emotion. Mediation is a process that allows parties to find unique solutions, together, that satisfy the needs and interests of the parties and their children. Parties take control of their own decisions and develop communication and problem-solving skills that support better co-parenting. As an attorney/mediator for over 25 years, and a Certified Public Accountant, I know it is also important to help parties understand and discuss the issues and changes ahead; consider and address any complex financial or tax issues to be resolved; and to look for ways to add value with my services.

I help prepare parties for mediation by offering a 1/2 hour free orientation, set by appointment. I offer weekend and evening hours. Services include in office and on-line mediations, co-mediation, parenting coordination, collaborative and cooperative law, and traditional litigation/trial work. I am a co-founder of Confluence Missouri (a nonprofit mediation resource); a trainer for civil and family law mediator and parenting coordination; and possess an advanced, graduate of law (L.L.M.) degree in Dispute Resolution.

Missouri CPA (1985); Saint Louis University-JD (1991-sum laude); University of Missouri-L.L.M. (Masters of Law) Dispute Resolution (2013); former Adjunct Professor; ABA Certified of Merit in Child Advocacy (1999).

**Reduced Fee Program:** Reduced fee program through Confluence Missouri, Inc., a 501 ©(3) organization.

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Homeyer, Yvonne M.  
225 S. Meramec Ave., Suite 1100  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 150                      **Hourly Fee:** \$200  
**Phone:** 314 863-3321

**Professional Experience:**

Attorney at Law. Mediation, Collaborative practice, non-contested matters. Mediation by Zoom or in-office.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Sliding scale based on total family income.

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Jones, Terry L.  
13421 Manchester Road, Suite 105  
St. Louis, MO 63131

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** 314 434-2725

**Professional Experience:**

Undergraduate: UMSL, BA in History

Law School: Washington University, St. Louis

Member of Missouri Bar since 1981

Practice primarily in Family Law since 1981

**Reduced Fee Program:** Willing to discuss with mediation couple.

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Kiesewetter, Mark  
5353 S. Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 210  
St. Louis, MO 63126  
Email: MarkKiesewetterLLC@gmail.com

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250

**Phone: (314) 270-3530 ext. 303**

**Professional Experience:**  
30 + years working with families in divorce/custody proceedings  
Mediated over 100 cases  
Court-appointed Guardian ad Litem

**Reduced Fee Program:** On a case by case basis.

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Lacks, David B.  
7710 Carondelet Ave., Suite 105  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** <10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone: (314) 863-4100**

**Professional Experience:**  
55 years experience as Family Court lawyer, mediator arbitrator.

**Reduced Fee Program:** Will reduce fee if warranted.

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McAvoy, Sara J.  
13321 North Outer Forty Road  
Suite 700  
Town & Country, MO 63017

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** 10 to 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 47                      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone: (314) 283-2275**

**Professional Experience:**  
I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in 1991 and my Juris Doctor in 1993. I was an assistant prosecuting attorney for four years in Jefferson County. Thereafter, for 10 years, I did civil defense litigation handling medical malpractice, products liability, and automobile and general liability. For the past 12 years, I have done plaintiff's personal injury, criminal defense, family law and probate. I have first chaired approximately 25 jury trials to verdict and have tried hundreds of bench trials. I have participated in approximately 30-40 mediations as counsel for plaintiff or defendant.

**Reduced Fee Program:** None noted

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Pace, Nicole  
3115 S. Grand Blvd., Suite 400  
St. Louis, MO 63118

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 100      **Hourly Fee:** \$180  
**Phone:** 314 300-9873

**Professional Experience:**

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Mediator. I can support couples with complete divorce mediation or with portions of the mediation process, i.e.; parenting plans. I can also serve as a divorce coach, supporting a client as he/she navigates the complicated process of the divorce process. Other areas of my mediation practice include assistance for unmarried or same sex couples as they separate; co-parent counseling; and teen/adolescent-parent mediation. I strongly believe mediation provides ways to support couples as they move through the divorce or separation process, helping each person be a creative participant in crafting an agreement that feels right for their unique circumstance.

Website: [pacemediationstl.com](http://pacemediationstl.com)

**Reduced Fee Program:** I believe mediation can help couples from all walks of life. I have a sliding fee scale based on income, please call to discuss.

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Papke, Erik  
3488 Jeffco Blvd. #101  
Arnold, Mo 63010

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 46      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** 636-797-3004

**Fax:** 636-467-7279

**Professional Experience:**

JD - 2005 - University of Missouri Columbia

GAL training - most recently 3/1/2022

Practice areas included family law, Guardian ad Litem work, guardianships, estate planning and bankruptcy

**Reduced Fee Program:**

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Piper, Jennifer R  
130 S. Bemiston Ave., Suite 608  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 100      **Hourly Fee:** \$295  
**Phone:** (314) 449-9800

**Professional Experience:**

I have practiced in the field of family law for over 20 years and have worked as a GAL extensively in St. Louis County and City.

I have a BA from the University of Missouri, Columbia 1998.

I have a JD from St. Louis University 2001.

Certified as mediator in family law since 2011.

Certified as GAL and Parent Coordinator

**Reduced Fee Program:** Will Consider depending on circumstances.

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Pudlowski, Elaine A.  
231 S. Bemiston, #1111  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 100      **Hourly Fee:** \$325  
**Phone:** (314) 725-8000

**Professional Experience:**

Washington University BA 1987

Washington University JD 1993

St. Louis University Mediation Training

Practice all areas of family law; work as a court appointed guardian ad litem; mediate for all areas of family law

**Reduced Fee Program:** Will consider depending on circumstances.

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Puertas, Jill M.  
8000 Bonhomme, Suite 220  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** 10 - 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** 314-761-4751

**Professional Experience:**

Education: Saint Louis University School of Law, JD, 1997. Licensed in MO and FL.

Training: Core Mediation Training and Domestic Relations Mediation Training through March Mediation.

Practice: My law practice is dedicated solely to the area of family law. I also serve as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem and Parenting Coordinator.

Organizations: Autism Speaks, Panhandle Autism Society, The Variety Club of St. Louis, Easter Seals Midwest, The Missouri Bar and the Florida Bar.

Specialty Areas: I prefer to be appointed as a Mediator, Guardian or Parenting Coordinator in cases involving children who have IEPs or special needs. I have personally raised a child with special needs and am well versed in the IEP process, therapies, and resources available in the area.

**Reduced Fee Program:** N/A

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Rea, Gordon K.  
Law Office of Gordon K. Rea L.L.C.  
7710 Bonhomme Avenue Suite 200  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 56      **Hourly Fee:** \$225  
**Phone:** 314 396-7177

**Professional Experience:**

I am an attorney and certified Mediator in the State of Missouri. My experience includes both voluntary and court-ordered or court-annexed mediations. As a family law litigator, I understand how the trial process can be harmful to children and can set in-motion conflict cycles between parents for the remainder of childhood. My experience in business prior to becoming an attorney and my current legal work in other areas of law are advantages in mediation with contested custody, division of a business or other assets.

**Reduced Fee Program:** By agreement, I also offer discounts for active-duty police, firefighters, first-responders and military.  
gordon@gordonrealaw.net

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Ulrich, Richard H.  
149 Chippenham Lane  
St. Louis, MO 63005

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 30      **Hourly Fee:** \$150  
**Phone:** (314) 562-5908

**Professional Experience:**

52 years - practice of law

Specialized in domestic law and school law

**Reduced Fee Program:** Depending on financial resources of clients, I would consider a lower hourly fee.

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VanLuven, Jennifer Webbe  
1215 Fernridge Parkway, Suite 110  
St. Louis, MO 63141

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Over 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** 314 537-6242

**Professional Experience:**

Jennifer is a clinical therapist who has over 20 years experience working with couples. She understands the emotional piece of mediation and is able to gently guide couples during the process - understanding the focus on parenting plans that meet the developmental age of children.

**Reduced Fee Program:** None noted.

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Wiechens, Julie  
621 South Fifth Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** 10 to 25  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 60      **Hourly Fee:** \$300  
**Phone:** (636) 925-3808

**Professional Experience:**

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Master degree from Washington University. I have worked with families for the past 18 years in a variety of settings helping to dissolve family problems. I am currently in private practice mediating divorce cases and doing therapy with children, adults and families. I believe that through mediation families can achieve better results.

**Reduced Fee Program:** A sliding scale is available. Call for more information.

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Wittrock, Sarah  
1610 Des Peres Road, Suite 340  
St. Louis, MO 63131

**Completed Dissolution of Marriage Mediations:** Less than 10  
**Hours of Mediation Training:** 40      **Hourly Fee:** \$250  
**Phone:** (314) 449-8830

**Professional Experience:**

I have practiced exclusively in the field of family law for almost 10 years. I have represented men and women going through custody and child support litigation as well as children in my capacity as a Guardian ad Litem. My goal as a mediator is to help people gain control over the outcome of their family court matter and develop solutions that works best for their family. I am also a trained collaborative family law attorney.

**Reduced Fee Program:** None listed.

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