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Florida Supreme Court
Attn: Clerk's Office
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RE: Comments on proposed revisions for mediator certification
Case No. SC05-998

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Enclosed for your consideration is a copy of my e-mail of October 29, 2004, to Sharon Press, commenting upon the proposed requirement that all certified mediators complete two hours of domestic violence education during each renewal cycle. I understand that this requirement remains in the recommended revisions submitted to the Florida Supreme Court. I see no justification for this requirement, nor has a justification been provided to me in response to my prior comments.

I respectfully request that the requirement that all certified mediators complete two hours of domestic violence education during each renewal cycle be deleted from the revisions to the qualifications for mediator certification. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jayne M. Lambert

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Enclosure

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From: Jayne M. Lambert
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 10:11 AM
To: presss@flcourts.org
Subject: Comment on proposed revisions for mediator certification

TO: Sharon Press

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If I understand the proposed revisions correctly, they require all mediators to complete two hours of domestic violence education during each renewal cycle. I believe this requirement is unnecessary and an inappropriate burden for circuit and county mediators. While it may be a safe assumption that domestic violence is likely to be an issue in some family and dependency mediations, this assumption does not carry over to circuit and county mediations.

I mediate primarily commercial and employment matters. I do not anticipate ever having the need to apply domestic violence training in my mediation practice. Given my limited budget for education (with respect to both time and money), requiring me to complete two hours of domestic violence education each renewal cycle will probably keep me from taking two hours in a subject matter that would benefit my practice. I believe it would be best to leave it up to each circuit and county mediator to determine if she or he would benefit from domestic violence education, rather than making such education mandatory and thereby wasting the time and money of those mediators who have no use for it.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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