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## *Hands-on skill development in divorce practice for mediators*

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This 24 hour course is designed for mediators who are interested in the practice of divorce mediation. The training integrates substantive information with practice through interactive role play experience. **Prerequisite:** Basic mediation training.

**Friday, May 7, 9:30am – 5:00pm**

Faculty: Gail Packer, Rita Pollak

**Saturday, May 8, 9:30am – 5:00pm**

Faculty: Michael Leshin, Joyce Kauffman

**Tuesday, May 11, 4:30pm – 7:30pm**

Faculty: David Hoffman

**Saturday May 15, 9:30am – 5:00pm**

Faculty: Hon. Eileen M. Shaevel (ret.),  
Hon. Maureen Monks, Brad and Jane Honoroff

## I. Overview of Divorce Mediation

Legal and practical issues; custody and parenting; access options and long-range planning for children; emotional impact of divorce; introduction to Massachusetts law.

## II. Alimony, Health Insurance, Property Division and Non-Traditional Families

Review of statute, case law, and custom and practice as concerns spousal support and the equitable division of the marital estate (survey of various types of assets, including pensions). Also, review of continuation health insurance coverage issues (Federal and State law). In addition, mediation for gay, lesbian and unmarried couples; to include analysis of Goodridge.

## III. Financial Issues in Divorce

Child support guidelines and financial planning; introducing and managing legal and financial planning choices with families in crisis.

## IV. Reaching Closure

Drafting final product; avoiding pitfalls; skill development. Ethical and practice dilemmas, challenging issues and behaviors.

**Cynthia Runge**, CDSC's Coordinator of Court and Divorce Mediation Services, will facilitate each session.

**Where:** CDSC's offices, 60 Gore Street, East Cambridge  
(near Lechmere T, Galleria, courthouses)

**Cost:** \$695 (\$675 if registration received by April 1st)  
\$595 for Volunteers with other Community Mediation Centers  
\$400 for CDSC Volunteers

**Enrollment:** Limited to 24. Enroll early!

Registrants who cancel before April 10th will receive a full refund. Later cancellations will be refunded only if space is filled.

## For information contact CDSC:

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## About the Distinguished Faculty:

**David Hoffman** practices family law and serves as a mediator and arbitrator at the Boston Law Collaborative. He is recent chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, co-author of *Massachusetts Alternative Dispute Resolution*, and teaches the Mediation course at Harvard Law School.

**Brad Honoroff**, an attorney, has had extensive experience mediating, teaching and consulting in the ADR field. Formerly on the faculty of UMass/Boston Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, he co-mediate divorce cases at The Mediation Group, where he is a principal.

**Jane Honoroff** is a psychotherapist and a mediator, with over 30 years of clinical social work experience. She is Adjunct faculty at BU School of Social Work, consultant to Greater Boston Legal Services, and heads up the family mediation unit at The Mediation Group, where she is a principal.

**Joyce Kauffman** specializes in family law, co-parent adoption, and mediation, with an emphasis on legal issues affecting lesbian and gay families. Attorney Kauffman is a past co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association (MLGBA) and past chair of the MLGBA's Family Law Section.

**Michael L. Leshin** is a partner with the law firm of Ginsburg and Leshin, LLP where he specializes in family law and mediation. He is a fellow of the MA chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and author of the MCLE annual publication, *Massachusetts Family Law Sourcebook*.

**Hon. Maureen Monks** is an Associate Justice in the Middlesex County Family and Probate Court. Prior to her judgeship she was an attorney with Butler & Monks: The Women's Law Collective in Cambridge, where she concentrated in family law. Her experiences include supervising at the Battered Women's Advocacy Project and being a founding member of the Mass. Lesbian and Gay Bar Association (MLGBA).

**Gail Packer**, a clinical social worker, has been Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center since 1988. Previously she worked for 10 years in the Probate and Family Court, mediating with families in the process of divorce.

**Rita S. Pollak** is a collaborative attorney and mediator who specializes in helping families separate and divorce with integrity and caring. She has been on the faculty of MCLE, Suffolk Law School Advanced Legal Studies, MCLC collaborative trainings and presented at AFCC and IACP Forums.

**Cynthia Runge**, an attorney and mediator, is the Coordinator of Court and Divorce Mediation Services at CDSC. Cynthia mediates divorce matters privately and through North Shore Community Mediation in Beverly, MA.

**Eileen M. Shaevel** served as an Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court from 1990 to 2001 after practicing family law for 20 years. She is now engaged in a private ADR practice in Boston which offers mediation, arbitration and case evaluation in family and probate matters.

## Registration form

Please attach a brief paragraph about your background and interest in divorce mediation. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: day \_\_\_\_\_ eve. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior Mediation/Training Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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