

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 94-10

RE: FAMILY COURT MEDIATION PROGRAM

In order to promote an alternative to divorce litigation that will save court and litigation costs, directly involve the parties in reaching a self-determined resolution to their divorce, and produce a greater likelihood of compliance with agreements, a voluntary divorce mediation program is hereby established within the Family Court.

The court has undertaken this program to make mediation more widely available to divorcing parties, especially when children are involved. To increase the access of divorcing parties to this alternative, the court will send them information about the nature and potential benefits of mediation and will provide them with a list of mediators whose qualifications have been approved by the court.

This program shall be in addition to the Mediation Program run by the Family Court Family Services Department pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 15-5-29, not a replacement thereof.

Rules regarding this program shall be promulgated pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 8-6-2.

Date

11/3/94

Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr.
Chief Judge