

MEDIATION PROGRAM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Workshop: Representing Pro Se Litigants in Mediation

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members of the bar of the U.S. District Court for D.C. are invited to participate in a workshop led by the Court's Mediation Program.

Attorneys interested in providing pro bono representation to pro se litigants for the limited purpose of court-ordered mediation are encouraged to register. This inaugural workshop will focus on employment cases in mediation.

Participants will learn about establishing a productive client relationship, focusing on the unique challenges of working with and representing pro se litigants. Participants will also learn useful negotiation skills to assist their clients in optimizing the mediation process.

Serving as pro bono counsel to pro se litigants in mediation provides a service to the Court as well as the pro se litigants and may qualify for pro bono credit. The skills learned in the workshop will have broad applicability to other aspects of a participant's practice. Because the representation is limited in scope and the mediation process is confidential, attorneys may have the opportunity to work in subject matter areas or for clients different from their usual practices.

There is no fee to attend the workshop. Participants will be expected to commit to taking a minimum of one case in 2026.

The workshop will take place in-person in the Courthouse. Registration will close October 24. Materials and logistics will be sent the week of October 27. For registration information, please email the Mediation Program (mediation@cadc.uscourts.gov) with your contact information and expression of interest.