

Revised Local Rule 14: Mediation

Effective: March 17, 2019

14.01 When Ordered

At any time after a party files a complaint in an action for divorce, legal separation, or annulment, or at any time after a party files a post decree motion involving the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, the Court may, upon its own motion, order the parties into mediation.

The Court's Mediation Department also accepts voluntary requests from parties who wish to mediate post decree issues involving parental rights and responsibilities without having to file a motion. **The Voluntary Mediation Program is not available whenever a party is seeking to modify child support and/or health insurance, and/or tax exemptions. The filing of a motion to modify is required.**

The Court incorporates by reference R.C. 2710, The Uniform Mediation Act (UMA); R.C. 3109.052, Mediation of Differences as to the Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities; and Rule 16 of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence. All definitions found in the UMA are adopted by this Court through this Rule.