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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 11, 2012
TO: Chief Judges
cc: Presiding Family Division Judges
Court Administrators/Clerks
FROM: Doug Van Epps
RE: SCAO Administrative Memorandum 2012-08
Mediator Training Standards and Procedures
Effective January 1, 2013

MCR 2.411(F)(2)(a) and MCR 3.216(G)(a) require the state court administrator to approve mediation training programs for general civil and domestic relations mediators. Originally adopted in 2001, the [Mediator Training Standards and Procedures](#) were recently reviewed by a committee, and following a period of public comment, are adopted by this administrative memorandum. The revisions primarily affect the design and content of mediator training programs, so are most relevant to mediator trainers.

Most relevant to courts that have approved ADR Plans are the deletion of antiquated “grandparenting” provisions and an increase in the requirement for domestic violence training for domestic relations mediators.

Revised mediator application forms will be provided in 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-383-4840 or vanepspd@courts.mi.gov.