

*COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT
OFFERS ITS SEVENTH MEDIATOR TRAINING SESSION IN 2026*

DATES ANNOUNCED

The Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, is pleased to announce that it is again recruiting attorneys and retired judges to join its mediator panel. Attorneys and retired judges throughout the 23 counties served by the Third District Court of Appeal are encouraged to apply.

The appellate mediator training course is limited to **24 participants** and provided at no cost to the participants. The mediator training will be conducted at the Judicial Council of California located at 2850 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833.

In consideration for providing the training, the Appellate Mediation Program mediators must agree to accept up to four mediation referrals. The first four hours of all mediations referred by the Court are to be offered pro bono; any mediation time exceeding four hours may, with agreement of the parties, be charged at the mediator's hourly rate, paid by the parties.

Session One: May 28, 2026 (12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.); May 29, 2026 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.);

Session Two: June 3 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and June 4 & 5, 2026 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

*All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Court.

Those interested in becoming a mediator for the Third District's Appellate Mediation Program should complete the application, attach their résumé, and return it to: **Rene´ Ackerman, Mediation Program Administrator, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 210, Sacramento, California 95833.** Submission of applications may be received by mail, fax: (916) 641-6527, or e-mail: rene.ackerman@jud.ca.gov.

The deadline for submission is February 27, 2026. On March 5, 2026, the deadline for submitting an application was extended to March 20, 2026.

For additional information, interested individuals are welcome to contact the Mediation Program Office by phone at 916-643-7084.