

Dakota County
FINANCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION PILOT

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dakota County Early Neutral Evaluation Steering Committee seeks applications to increase the private provider Financial Early Neutral Evaluation (“FENE”) pilot designed to facilitate prompt resolution in parenting matters.

- I. All candidates shall have:
 - A. Completed or taught certified FENE training pursuant to Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 114.13(e); and,
 - B. Accepted the attached FENE fee structure.

- II. Attorney candidates shall have:
 - A. At least five (5) years of experience as a family law attorney; and,
 - B. An attorney license in good standing with the Minnesota Supreme Court, either in active or retired status.

- III. Other professional candidates shall have:
 - A. At least five (5) years of experience as a professional working in the area of family law with financial matters; and,
 - B. A professional license, such as a CPA license, in good standing with the professional’s licensing board, either in active or retired status.

Interested applicants that meet the above-mentioned criteria should send a cover letter that states all licensure the applicant holds, along with the license number, and the date and place ENE training was completed, and five (5) copies of their resume by February 28, 2015 to:

FENE Pilot Coordinator
Dakota County Courthouse
1560 West Highway 55
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

Applicants who fail to provide the required documentation will not be considered.

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FEE STRUCTURE

I. If a party is represented by an attorney, the party's hourly rate shall be one-half the hourly rate charged by their attorney. If a party is represented by more than one attorney, the party's hourly rate shall be one-half the highest hourly rate charged to the party.

II. If a party is not represented by an attorney, the following sliding fee scale shall apply:

Gross Income	Hourly Rate
<i>In Forma Pauperis</i>	Flat fee of \$50 for each FENE session
\$0 to \$25,000	\$25
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$50
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$75
>\$101,000	\$150

III. Each evaluator is required to accept no fee/low fee (total fee of \$50/hour or less) cases if selected by the parties. No evaluator shall be required to accept more than four no fee/low fee FENE cases in any given calendar year.