

**EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATOR MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS  
ANOKA COUNTY EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION**

- I. *All Evaluators*, including financial evaluators (FENE) and social evaluators (SENE) must meet the following criteria:
  - A. Be a Qualified Neutral under Rule 114. Appear on the Minnesota Statewide ADR-Rule 114 Neutrals Roster for Family Law Evaluative Neutrals and Family Law Facilitative Neutrals. Maintain Qualified status—including complying with all ADR Board rules; including, but not limited to, those for continuing education and renewal;
  - B. Complete Early Neutral Evaluation (“ENE”) specialized training;
  - C. Accept the adopted ENE fee structure;
  - D. Accept the policy that all ENE sessions for Anoka County cases shall be held at a location within Anoka County, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, attorneys, and neutrals; and
  - E. Meet the additional criteria as outlined below for attorney or non-attorney evaluators.
  
- II. Attorneys seeking to serve as a Financial Early Neutral Evaluator (“FENE”) or Social Early Neutral Evaluator (“SENE”) must also meet the additional criteria as follows:
  - A. Be a practicing attorney at law for at least ten (10) years with substantial emphasis on the area of family law in the last five (5) years, or have equivalent expertise and experience; and
  - B. Have family law trial experience or equivalent expertise and experience; and
  - C. Have an attorney license in good standing with the Minnesota Supreme Court, either in active or retired status; and
  - D. For attorneys seeking to serve as a SENE, observe two (2) Social Neutral Evaluation sessions through a “ride-along;” and
  - E. For attorneys seeking to serve as a FENE, observe one (1) Financial Early Neutral Evaluation session through a “ride-along.”
  
- III. Other Professionals (i.e. social worker, psychologist) seeking to be a Social Early Neutral Evaluator (“SENE”) must also meet the following criteria:
  - A. Have a minimum five (5) years concentrated experience working with families and children on divorce-related matters, including custody, visitation, or related issues; and
  - B. Have a Master’s level Social Work or Psychology degree, LCSW, LICSW, LP, or LMFT; and
  - C. Have a professional license in good standing, either in active or retired status; and Observe two (2) Social Early Neutral Evaluation sessions through a “ride-along.”
  - D. IV. Other Professionals (i.e. accountant, financial advisor) seeking to be a Financial Early Neutral Evaluator (“FENE”) must also meet the following criteria:

- A. Have a minimum five (5) years concentrated experience working with families and children on divorce-related matters, including property valuation, spousal maintenance or child support, or other related fiscal issues; and
- B. Have a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing, either in active or retired status; and
- C. Observe one (1) Financial Early Neutral Evaluation session through a “ride-along.”

V. Application Review Process:

- A. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.
- B. Applications will be pooled and considered as space available on the roster warrants.
- C. The best applicants will be selected from those applications available at the time the pooled applications are considered.

VI. Providers may be removed from the Anoka ENE Roster for:

- A. If not selected and appointed by court order in any half-year period (Jan. 1-June 30, or July 1 – Dec. 31) by any ENE Program in the 10<sup>th</sup> District utilizing Provider Availability Scheduling System (PASS). Periods where a provider is added to the roster part way through the six month time or when the provider is on a sabbatical leave will not count against a provider.
- B. For failure to remain Rule 114 Family Mediator Qualified.
- C. For failure to return the Anoka County ENE Program Annual Re-Affirmation of Roster Status on time.
- D. For other good cause as determined by the Anoka ENE Committee.