

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION PROGRAM
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Second Judicial District Financial Early Neutral Evaluation (“FENE”) Program seeks applications to expand the list of qualified FENE providers. FENE is a voluntary, confidential and evaluative process designed to facilitate prompt dispute resolution of financial issues in dissolution proceedings.

As set forth in Rule 114.13(e) of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice, all candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a qualified evaluative neutral pursuant to Rule 114.13(e) of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice;
2. At least 5 years of experience as a family law attorney or as an accountant in marital dissolution related matters;
3. Have completed or taught the financial early neutral evaluation FENE specialized training;
4. Have completed two approved FENE ride-a-longs and submit who these were conducted with; or submit in writing an explanation of why this requirement should be waived.
5. Be able to structure your practice to accommodate expedient scheduling requirements;
6. Accept and abide by the Second Judicial District Family Court Division FENE sliding fee scale;
7. Have an attorney or other applicable professional license in good standing with the State of Minnesota, either in active or retired status.

Interested applicants may submit applications via the PASS system once the required WebEx training has been completed. Applicants applying via PASS agree to pair with any of the providers on the Ramsey FENE roster. Applicants should send an email to PASS@courts.state.mn.us, listing Ramsey County in the subject line, detailing when, and with whom, the two required Ride-alongs were completed or explaining why a waiver of the Ride-along requirement should be granted.

Applicants may also apply outside of the PASS system. This preserves the option to select specific pairings. To apply, please send a cover letter addressing the criteria listed in this announcement, and including a copy of your resume, by June 30, 2018 to:

Second Judicial District Family Court Division
ATTN: Terri Barette
15 West Kellogg Boulevard, room 160
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

RAMSEY COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE
FINANCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION
Effective June 1, 2011

NOTE: Each party's FENE hourly rate is to be determined individually.

For Parties Who Are Represented By Counsel:

The FENE fee for a party represented by counsel is one-half the hourly rate charged by that party's counsel. Counsel shall provide Court and the FENE evaluator with his or her hourly rate. In the event that more than one attorney at a firm represents the party, the highest hourly rate charged to the party shall be used to determine that party's FENE hourly rate.

For Parties Not Represented By Counsel:

The FENE fee for a party who is not represented by counsel is to be determined based upon their gross annual income using the following sliding fee scale:

0-\$25,000 gross per year: \$25 per hour

\$25,000 - \$50,000 gross per year: \$50 per hour

\$50,000 - \$75,000 gross per year: \$75 per hour

\$75,000 - \$100,000 gross per year: \$100 per hour

\$100,000 - \$125,000 gross per year: \$125 per hour

\$125,000 - \$150,000 gross per year: \$150 per hour

Over \$150,000 gross per year: \$175 per hour

For Parties With A Current IFP:

1. The FENE fee for a party who has a current IFP and **who is not represented by counsel, or has a pro bono attorney,** shall be a one-time flat fee of \$50.

2. The FENE fee for a party who has a current IFP and **who is represented by counsel,** shall be one-half the hourly rate charged by that party's counsel. Counsel shall provide Court and the FENE evaluator with his or her hourly rate. In the event that more than one attorney at a firm represents the party, the highest hourly rate charged to the party shall be used to determine that party's FENE hourly rate.