

Prior law (R.S. 9:334) provided for the qualifications for mediators in child custody matters and specifically required former judges to complete at least 20 hours of specialized training to qualify as mediators.

New law retains the 20-hour training requirement but additionally provides that to be qualified, a former judge may have actually served as a judge in a family court for three years and completed a minimum of 12 hours of training or completed the 20 hours of training in this area.

Prior law (Ch.C. Art. 439) provided for the qualifications of mediators in any juvenile court dispute.

New law reorganizes and rewords prior law in conformity with R.S. 9:334.

New law deletes the requirement that mediation training shall include theoretical and clinical training in the development and practice of negotiation and mediation skills.

New law deletes the requirement that the LSBA, Dispute Resolution Section, shall make available to courts and parties the approved register of mediators and a summary of their qualifications.

Effective August 15, 2008.

(Amends R.S. 9:334(B)(2) and (E) and Ch.C. Art. 439)