

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ADOPTING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR COURT-DESIGNATED
MEDIATORS

WHEREAS, the Maryland Rules of Procedure governing Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) require that court-designated mediators, arbitrators, and other ADR practitioners abide by standards of conduct adopted by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals in the October 31, 2001, Administrative Order In re: Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and other ADR Practitioners having approved such standards of conduct, the standards of conduct having been proposed by the Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) and considered by the Court at an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, MACRO, after convening a review process that included open meetings across the State, having presented the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators to the ADR Committee of the Maryland Judicial Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the ADR Committee having approved the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators on May 10, 2018, for consideration by the Judicial Council; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council having referred the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules Committee) for review on November 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee duly having considered the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators, included them in its 201st Report to the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having held an open meeting on November 19, 2019, to consider the 201st Report, written commentary, and testimony provided at the meeting, including the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators, and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution and as part of its inherent power under the Constitution to regulate the practice of law, it is this 6th day of December 2019,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators shall be, and hereby are, adopted, effective January 1, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED, that the (Revised) Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators shall be termed the “Maryland Standards of Conduct for Court-Designated Mediators” upon becoming operational; and it is further

ORDERED, that the October 31, 2001, Administrative Order In re: Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and other ADR Practitioners shall be, and hereby is, rescinded as to the standards of conduct governing mediators, effective January 1, 2020.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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/s/ Robert N. McDonald

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/s/ Shirley M. Watts

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/s/ Brynja M. Booth

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Date: December 6, 2019

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson

Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

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Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk