


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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Administrative Order No. 97-18
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IN RE: ORDER GRANTING RECIPROCAL
PRIVILEGE, AS IT APPLIES TO MEDIATION
TRAINING, TO ATTORNEYS TRAINED FOR
QUALIFYING APPOINTMENT AS "RULE 31"
MEDIATORS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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Tennessee Supreme Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission voted to accept the training being provided in connection with the mediation program of this district as meeting the requirements for general/civil mediators under Supreme Court Rule 31.

The court, upon review of the training curricula required under Rule 31, is satisfied that it substantively closely parallels the training program approved for qualification for appointment to the Mediation Panel of the Western District of Tennessee

In recognition of the similarity of these training programs, and in order to lessen the confusion and burden visited on the bar by requiring attorneys to undergo two essentially equivalent forty-hour mediation programs in order to qualify for appointment to the respective mediation panels of this court and the Supreme Court of Tennessee, it is

ORDERED, that reciprocal privileges be afforded attorneys trained under Rule 31 in order to qualify them for consideration of appointment to the Mediation Program Panel of this district. It is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of Court cause this order to be entered on the record of the court and, thereafter, publically noticed.

DONE and ORDERED at Memphis, Tennessee, on this 27th day of August, 1997.

FOR THE COURT: Julia Smith Gibbons
Julia Smith Gibbons
Chief United States District Judge