Howard Community College

Presents

**Mediating Property, Finances, and the Fiscal Future:**

**Economic Issues in Divorce and Annulment**

 Divorce has many dimensions, some of which are financial.  Spouses worry about how they will fund two households; they worry about how the distribution of their property will impact their fiscal future and, if they are parents, the future of their children.   Using a skills-based approach per Maryland Judicial Rule 17-205(c), this course covers basic economic topics relevant to divorce and annulment so you can help spouses contemplating separation and divorce use the mediation process to discuss financial and property issues.  Class format includes small group exercises, discussions, coached role plays, video, and lecture.  This course is designed to satisfy training requirements regarding marital property issues under Maryland Judicial Rule 17-205(c).  Prerequisite:  40-hour Basic Mediation Training or permission of the instructor.

**What You’ll Learn About:**

·         Maryland Law on Spousal and Child Support

·         Maryland Law on Marital Property

·         Distribution of Assets (and Debts) in Divorce

·         Interface of Property and Financial Issues with Child Access and Child Support

·         Tax Consequences of Divorce

·         Special Topics Including Retirement Accounts and Qualified Domestic Relations

 Orders

·         How to Organize Information to Help the Mediated Conversation

·         Key Skills in Mediating Financial and Property Issues in Divorce

·         Ethical Issues in the Mediation of Marital Property

**Instructor**

 BARBARA BLAKE WILLIAMS, M.P.A., M.Ed., Esquire, has a private practice in mediation and is listed on the rosters for court-appointed mediation with several Circuit courts in Maryland.  Formerly Program Director for the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center in Howard County, Barbara has conducted extensive training in mediation and creative conflict resolution.  She holds a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, a Master’s in Education with a focus on Counseling/Family Therapy from Boston University, and a J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.  Formerly President of the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution (MCDR), Barbara has earned MCDR’s mediator certification and is an assessor member and former Chair of its Certification Committee.  Barbara subscribes to the Maryland Program on Mediator Excellence and is an Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution.

**WHEN?**   Class meets February 23, 24, March 2, 3, 2019

    SAT:  9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.;  SUN:  12:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

**WHERE?**  Howard Community College, Gateway Campus

**COST?**  $550.00 (includes $190.00 in fees).

**HOW TO REGISTER OR GET MORE INFORMATION?**

Link to HCC registration for this course can be found here:

<https://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/business-training-center/business-courses/mediation/mediation.html>

**Course number for registration is:**  XH-108 7758 #6054

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