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Dear Colleague,

The NYS Unified Court System's (NYS UCS) Statewide Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is looking for mediation trainers to train prospective court-roster mediators under Part 146 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge, which sets forth training and experience requirements for mediators who wish to serve on trial court rosters.

We seek your support in identifying, recommending or referring qualified trainers, including yourself. We have a need for commercial mediation and personal injury mediation trainers, but we welcome trainers from other subject areas as well. We encourage experienced mediators and mediation trainers to consider becoming a [Part 146 approved mediation training course provider](#) and ask you to read through our web site ([www.nycourts.gov/adr](http://www.nycourts.gov/adr)) to see what the process entails and if it's right for you. We want diverse trainers to apply -- including persons of varying age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, religion, socioeconomic and family status, as well as speakers of various languages -- to represent the great diversity of court users and prospective mediators throughout our state.

There are many benefits to becoming a Part 146 approved mediation training course provider, some of which include:

- Enhancing public trust in ADR by ensuring quality mediation experiences for parties;
- Ensuring cases are settled effectively by qualified court roster mediators;
- Getting the opportunity to train court roster mediators, court staff, and possibly judges;
- Getting recognized and acknowledged within the ADR field for your expertise; and
- Getting paid for mediation trainings by prospective mediators or interested participants.

We hope that you will consider sharing this request with individuals or organizations that may be interested in applying. We are happy to answer any questions that you or a prospective applicant may have. Please feel free to contact my office at [Part146@nycourts.gov](mailto:Part146@nycourts.gov) .

Sincerely,

Lisa Courtney, State ADR Coordinator