

Dear Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications Advisory Committee,

As you know, a few of us presented the Advisory Committee's proposed Chapter 12 amendments during last week's October 10th UTCR Committee meeting (final presentation slides are attached). Thank you, AJ Wahl, Patrick Sponsler, and Sam Imperati, for attending the UTCR Committee meeting and helping to respond to questions!

I am writing to provide three updates from the October 10th meeting:

1. I am pleased to share that the UTCR Committee voted "no comment" and agreed to post the Advisory Committee's package of proposed Chapter 12 amendments for public comment.
 - a. The public comment period will be from approximately late December 2024 to March 2025.
 - b. The UTCR Committee will notify the Oregon Bar and related court stakeholders of the public comment period. I will forward such notification to other mediation-related stakeholders.
 - c. The UTCR Committee's spring 2025 meeting will occur on Thursday, March 20.
2. The UTCR Committee voted to form a separate UTCR Committee workgroup to review the Advisory Committee's proposed amendments in more detail and to consider public comments. Once I have more information about that process and workgroup, I will let you know if I have any substantial updates.
3. The UTCR Committee meeting provided information about the types of feedback and questions that will likely arise from the UTCR Committee workgroup and during the public comment period. Such insight is going to be helpful as we begin preparing for the spring 2025 UTCR Committee meeting.

Gratitude

I want to extend a huge thank you for everyone's time and contributions over the last two years. Since our first Advisory Committee meeting in September 2022, you all spent over 1,100 hours collectively meeting to discuss mediator qualifications (wow!). The total includes Advisory Committee meetings, domestic relations subcommittee meetings, training subcommittee meetings, and the various meetings for the two subcommittee workgroups. I know how valuable your time is and I am deeply grateful you were willing to share your advice, ideas, and experience with this project and with one another. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Next Steps for the Advisory Committee

At this time, we do not have an Advisory Committee meeting scheduled before the end of the year. Emily is going to send two calendar invitations for early 2025 so that we have time set aside before the spring UTCR Committee meeting if we need it. Stay tuned for the following meeting invitations:

- Friday, January 10 from 9am-noon

- Friday, February 7 from 9am-noon

Please reach out if you have any questions, suggestions, or want to connect about the proposed Chapter 12 amendments before January 10. Thank you again for your work over the last two years!

With gratitude,

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