

Bursary offer: Mediation training

We are pleased to offer bursaries for lawyers taking legal aid family files to attend the necessary courses to certify as a family law mediator, including the 80 hours of approved mediation skills training and 14 hours of approved training in family violence.

Provided that they agree to accept a minimum of 20 mediations over a five (5) year period at the legal aid rate, Legal Aid BC (LABC) will pay the registration for a limited number of these lawyers for the following courses:

Introduction to Family Dispute Resolution	16 hours (2 days)
Family Law Mediation Fundamentals	24 hours (3 days)
Intermediate Family Law Mediation	24 hours (3 days)
Advanced Family Mediation	16 hours (2 days)
Family Violence Screening Training	2 days

Selection criteria for this grant include:

- Be a member of good standing with the Law Society of BC with significant practice experience in family and child protection law, with a deep understanding of family violence and experience involving the full range of family and child protection issues in all levels of court.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of family law and a history of accepting LABC files/contracts.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written).
- Proven experience achieving positive legal outcomes for equity-denied clients, including Indigenous, Black, racialized, disabled, sexually diverse or gender diverse.
- Experience assisting clients facing systemic barriers such as mental health issues, addictions, homelessness, poverty, literacy challenges, disabilities, and individuals affected by trauma.
- Lived and living experience as a person from an equity-denied group, including but not limited to persons who identify as Indigenous, racialized, disabled, 2SLGBTQIA+, and gender diverse. Sharing how you identify is welcome and not required as part of this process.

- Strong understanding of issues affecting Indigenous communities, including histories, cultures, governance structures, and the impact of government laws and policies.
- Knowledge of Indigenous community groups, agencies, and available programs and services.
- Satisfactory Law Society of BC discipline history.
- Satisfactory information received from the LABC Audit & Investigations Department.
- Satisfactory recommendation, evaluation or reference from stakeholders contacted by LABC.

To apply, email lawyers.resources@legalaid.bc.ca with your vendor number, a description of how you meet the selection criteria and an agreement to accept a minimum of 20 mediations over a five (5) year period at legal aid rates once qualified.

Selection of bursary recipients is at our discretion. A limited number of grants are available, and not all applicants may qualify for it. Applicants will be prioritized based on the selection criteria listed above.

Application deadline: **April 1, 2026**