

Bursary offer: Family law mediation training

We are pleased to offer bursaries for lawyers taking legal aid family files to attend the necessary CLEBC 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, LABC will pay the registration for a limited number of these lawyers for the following courses:

<u>Introduction to Family Dispute Resolution</u>	16 hours (2 days: Sep 18 & 19, 2025)
<u>Family Violence Screening Training</u>	14 hours (2 days: Oct 6 & 7, 2025)
<u>Family Law Mediation Fundamentals</u>	24 hours (3 days: Nov 3 – 5, 2025)
<u>Intermediate Family Law Mediation</u>	24 hours (3 days: Jan 14 – 16, 2026)
<u>Advanced Family Mediation</u>	16 hours (2 days: Apr 16 & 17, 2026)

Selection criteria for this grant include:

- Be a member in 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; and
- 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.

The application deadline is **May 2, 2025**.