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Louisiana Mediator Registry Requirements

Three Louisiana statutes detail the requirements to be listed on the three Louisiana Mediator Registries, as coordinated by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

- Civil Mediator Registry: La. R.S. 9:4106.
- Child Custody and Visitation Registry: La. R.S. 9:334.
- Juvenile Mediator Registry: Louisiana Children's Code Art. 439.

The Louisiana Mediator Registry Requirements are located on the LSBA's website at: www.lsba.org/goto/ADRSection.

Also on the website are the three Applications, the current Louisiana Mediator Registry and several ADR Training Providers.

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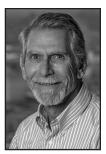
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