

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION / FAMILY DIVISION ADR PANEL**

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Check each panel for which you have been accepted:     mediation     collaborative practice

**1. Describe your education, including degrees and the dates received.**

*BA, Smith College, Northampton, MA 1998  
JD, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA 2004*

**2. Briefly describe the ADR training you have received. For each training, give the trainer's name, the dates attended, and the total hours.**

*Northern California Mediation Center, Nancy Foster, 40 hours; Collaborative Divorce Vancouver, Nancy Cameron, 40 hours; The Mediation Center, Chip Rose, 18+ hours; The Center For Mediation In Law, Gary Freidman, 40 hours; The Conflict Resolution Center, Nancy Heischman, 40 hours; trainer 2006-2009.*

**3. Describe the subject matter of five disputes for which you have been a mediator in the past five years, with the dates. State whether you were a sole- or co-provider.**

- *My practice is 100% family law mediation and collaborative practice as a sole provider*
- *Divorce, 2010; complex assets and debts, multi-property; 3.5 Million in assets; sole provider*
- *Divorce, 2010; home facing foreclosure, creative options allowed parties to keep; sole provider*
- *Divorce, 2010; parties were in litigation 2 years, spent \$50K on fees, resolved in 4 sessions; sole provider*
- *Divorce, 2010; all matters resolved in 2 sessions, post-divorce spousal support agreement; sole provider*

**4. Check your areas of substantive expertise:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partnership                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Law (Divorce, Custody, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parentage                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                          |   |

**5. What is your State Bar No.: 236003**

**A. How many years have you been in active practice? If none, please explain.**

*6 years*

**B. What is or was the nature of your practice?**

*My practice has always been dedicated to family law mediation and collaborative practice.*

**C. Are you certified in any specialty? If so, please list.**

**6. What is your ADR style?**

*Ensure gathering all financial and legal information, structured & efficient to help parties reach their own agreement.*

**7. Describe your fee schedule, including any sliding-scale or pro-bono provisions.**

*\$300/hour; no retainer for mediation*

**8. Give any other information that should be considered by parties or counsel.**

*Average sessions to resolve all divorce matters; 3-6 sessions, even if prior litigation. Process provides legal protection upon initial session. 100% of practice dedicated to mediation and collaboration. I founded a family law mediation program in Santa Cruz County and trained mediators in the program. See website for more information on my private practice; www.santacruzmediation.com*