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**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
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PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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NO. 2017-3

MEDIATION TRAINING/RECERTIFICATION

This 7th day of March, 2017,

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2009, this Court, as a service to the Bar and litigants, issued Administrative Directive 2009-2 which established a voluntary training program to promote effective mediation for those persons who wished to obtain specialized training in mediation; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Civil Rule 16(b)(4) provides that Mediation shall be one of the forms of Compulsory Alternative Dispute Resolution, and that it shall be the default format where the parties cannot agree on the format; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the benefits of continued mediation training;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED that Administrative Directive 2017-3 supersedes Administrative Directive 2009-2, which is hereby amended and restated in full, as follows:

The Court shall maintain a program of Mediation Training in conflict resolution techniques. The program shall explain the role of the mediator, the Court's rules concerning the conduct of a mediation, effective conflict resolution

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techniques, and such other matters pertaining to effective mediation as the coordinators of the program shall deem appropriate. Upon successful completion of the program, a participant shall receive a certificate that the participant has completed the program.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Court shall establish a recertification plan which requires a mediator to recertify every seven (7) years to maintain a Superior Court Mediation Certification. Certified mediators may recertify by successfully completing the Court's Refresher Mediation Course or by successfully completing the Court's Mediation Program. Mediators who were certified prior to January 1, 2014 must recertify before January 1, 2020 to maintain a Superior Court Mediation Certification. All others must recertify within seven years of successfully completing Superior Court's Mediation Program to maintain a Superior Court Mediation Certification.

The Prothonotary for each County and the Court's Web site shall maintain lists of certified Mediators who have completed the Court's Mediation Training Program and those that have timely recertified.

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