



**INTEGRATIVE MEDIATION TRAINING**

A Two-Day Training by Lawyer & Psychologist

**STEPHEN SULMEYER**

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**Dates:** Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2017 (Basic and Advanced Training)

**Times:** Registration and breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
Course 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days

**Venue:** The Diamond Ballroom at the Vancouver Masonic Centre,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1495 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, ([www.diamondballroom.ca](http://www.diamondballroom.ca))

There is parking underground, and a surface lot across the street, however, these can reach capacity. Attendees are encouraged to take transit or carpool if possible.

**\*\* Registration deadline: April 28, 2017 \*\***

Integrative Mediation (IM) is an innovative, structured co-mediation model combining the skills and expertise of a lawyer and mental health professional (and where appropriate a financial expert) to address disputes in a sensitive and holistic manner. By addressing all facets of a dispute - emotional, legal and financial - IM helps parties cut through posturing and positioning and reach optimal solutions that help bring healing and psychological closure as well as legal finality. Mediators who do not also have legal, mental health or financial backgrounds or expertise can still participate in IMs with the support of the IM's participants. *(Please see attached for a more extensive description of the training.)*

**Registration fees:**

**Both Days (Basic and Advanced Training)**

\$695 for members of the following organizations (check one):

- Collaborative Divorce Vancouver
- Mediate BC
- Other Collaborative practice group
- BC Collaborative Roster Society
- BC Arbitration and Mediation Institute
- Alternate dispute resolution organization

(Please indicate name of group: \_\_\_\_\_)

\$820 for non-members

**Thursday, May 11 only (Basic Training Only)**

\$425 for members of the following organizations (check one):

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- Mediate BC
- Other Collaborative practice group
- BC Collaborative Roster Society
- BC Arbitration and Mediation Institute
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\$490 for non-members

*Approval for Law Society of BC CPD and ADR qualification credits pending. MediateBC will approve credits in line with the Law Society of BC's CPD credits*

**Registration for Integrative Mediation Training**  
**Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment can be made by cheque by or by credit card.**

Please forward **cheques** (payable to ‘Collaborative Divorce Vancouver Society’) and registration forms to:  
**Collaborative Divorce Vancouver Society, 125 - 8120 Jones Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 4K7**

For **credit card payments**, please email completed forms to [info@collaborativedivorcebc.com](mailto:info@collaborativedivorcebc.com)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:** Refund less \$50 admin fee up to **May 3, 2017**. Absolutely no refunds after that date.

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Please direct all registration questions to:  
Angiola De Stefanis, Manager, Collaborative Divorce Vancouver Society, at [adestefanis@alliancelex.com](mailto:adestefanis@alliancelex.com)

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***Please note - there are limited seats available for this training. Register early.  
Spaces will be filled by date of receipt of payment.***



BASIC AND ADVANCED  
INTEGRATIVE MEDIATION TRAINING

WITH

***PRESENTS:***

**STEPHEN SULMEYER, Lawyer & Psychologist**

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**BE A PART OF THIS REVOLUTIONARY ADVANCE IN  
INTERDISCIPLINARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Integrative Mediation is a form of interdisciplinary co-mediation in which all aspects of a dispute – legal, emotional and financial – are addressed, enabling participants to not only resolve conflicts efficiently, but also to reach deeper levels of resolution, healing and closure. Lawyers, mental health professionals, financial consultants and mediators with other professional backgrounds will learn to work together effectively to help clients reach enduring and mutually-satisfying resolution.

Join us for a two-day training on Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2017 to learn and practice this model from the initial client contact to the final resolution of the case, using realistic scenarios tailored to the needs of the training participants. Thursday will be the introductory, nuts-and-bolts training, and Friday will be an intermediate and advanced training that builds on the basic training of the previous day.

*While registration for the basic training alone is permitted, participants are strongly encouraged to attend both days to receive the most benefit and confidence from this training.*

**Reasons to train in Integrative Mediation:**

- ✚ Learn how to work effectively with other professionals in a seamless and integrated manner that delivers amazing results.
- ✚ Learn how to reframe dispute resolution as not strictly a legal process but a psychological and emotional one as well.
- ✚ Learn how to cut through impasse and bring meaningful resolution, healing and closure to your clients by getting to the heart of any dispute.
- ✚ Improve your dispute resolution skills in all kinds of cases you practice, whether IM, solo mediation, arbitration, med-arb, or Collaborative practice.
- ✚ Adapt your already existing skills to a new, carefully structured paradigm that is streamlined, intimate and cost effective.
- ✚ For psychologists and counsellors, learn how to apply clinical skills in a non-clinical, dispute resolution context, and learn how to differentiate clinical skills from psychologically-related mediation skills.
- ✚ For all practitioners, learn skills to recognize and work with emotional and psychological issues that are often conflated with positions in legal disputes.

**Skills learned on Day 2 – Advanced Training:**

- ✚ Assess suitability for cooperative, participatory dispute resolution process of individuals with personality disorders, mood disorders, substance abuse issues, and the presence of domestic violence.
- ✚ Increase self-awareness on the part of participants in voluntary dispute resolution so as to maximize their capacity for meaningful involvement and avoid defensiveness, reactivity, anxiety and other responses that would limit such participation.
- ✚ Develop capacity of mental health professionals acting as neutral dispute resolution professionals to remain open, unguarded and empathic when working with individuals in varying states of vulnerability and crisis.
- ✚ Practice and increase skills working with professionals from other disciplines in the dispute resolution process so as to bring mental health values and insights to the resolution of legal disputes.



**STEPHEN H. SULMEYER, J.D., Ph.D.** is a lawyer, clinical psychologist, mediator and Collaborative coach in Marin County, California. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford University, and his doctorate in psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, California, where he has taught as a member of the adjunct faculty.

As a mediator, Steve combines his legal, business, and psychological sophistication to help individuals and organizations resolve disputes, enhance personal and organizational excellence, and harmonize their innermost values with their worldly aspirations. His unique background enables him to assist parties to identify and work with, rather than shy away from, the underlying psychological obstacles that are often the real barriers to the resolution of conflicts. Steve's dispute resolution work covers a wide range of subject areas including family and divorce, business/commercial, intellectual property, employment/workplace, discrimination, partnerships, insurance, personal injury, and community matters.

Steve practiced law in the areas of intellectual property and complex business litigation for over 18 years before devoting his legal practice solely to dispute resolution. He is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Federal and Ninth United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of California, and the courts of the State of California.

Steve has been practicing as a psychotherapist since 1999. His theoretical orientation is existential-analytic, which is a blend of contemporary, interpersonal psychoanalysis (which tends to focus on the depths of patients' psyches and histories as illuminated by the therapeutic encounter) and existential-humanistic psychology (which tends to emphasize key human concerns such as aliveness, authenticity, meaning, maturation, and mortality). He wrote his doctoral dissertation on the psychology of meaning, and specializes in helping people find more meaning in their lives and work. Steve also has a second-degree black belt in Aikido, a Japanese martial art that emphasizes the resolution of conflict through harmony of body, mind, and spirit.

Steve is a trainer both in psychology and in various modalities of dispute resolution, including mediation, collaborative practice, and integrative mediation. Steve is also the co-founder (with Judge Verna Adams) of the Marin Superior Court's interdisciplinary settlement conference program, in which mental health professionals and lawyers trained in dispute resolution team up to assist judges in settling cases. He is also the founder of Integrative Mediation Marin, a practice group dedicated to integrative mediation, which teams up mental health professional- and attorney-mediators in a conjoint mediation model in family law, elder, probate, and civil cases.

Steve is a former chairperson of the Marin County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, and a member of the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California (ADR-NC), the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR), the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP), as well as numerous legal and psychological organizations. He serves on the mediation panels of the Marin County and Alameda County Superior Courts, the First District Court of Appeals of the State of California, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

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