

Ask Erin



Ask Erin Practice Circle: An In-Person Learning & Accountability Group for Mediators

The Ask Erin Practice Circle is a small, invitation-based professional group for mediators and conflict-resolution professionals who want to move beyond passive CLE viewing and integrate professional learning into real-world practice.

Rather than offering CLE credit or formal training, the Practice Circle provides a structured space for reflection, discussion, accountability, and application of trusted professional content from established sources such as Mediate.com, the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), and the DuPage County Bar Association (DCBA).

This is practical. This is human. This is worth showing up for.

How It Works

- Quarterly commitment (90 days)
- In-person meetings (one per month)
- Small group format (8–12 participants)
- Meetings held at Erin Birt's office
- Curated professional video content provided in advance
- Facilitated discussion focused on takeaways, tools, & practice integration

Participants independently view selected content prior to each meeting and come prepared to discuss how the ideas apply to their mediation work, client interactions, and professional development.

Professional Learning & Accountability

Selected videos may independently qualify for CLE through their original providers, provided participants have not previously viewed or claimed credit. Participants remain responsible for tracking and reporting any applicable CLE directly with the issuing organization.

The value of the Practice Circle is not the credit itself, but the accountability and shared discussion that support meaningful implementation of professional learning.

What This Is

- A facilitated peer discussion group
- A quarterly accountability structure for professional growth
- A space for reflection, discretion, and collegial connection

What This Is Not

- CLE or credit-providing programming
- Supervision, therapy, or case consultation
- Legal advice, business coaching, or formal mentorship

Who It's For

Mediators and conflict-resolution professionals who value depth, reflection, and practical application over institutional complexity.

Commitment & Investment

The Practice Circle meets monthly and operates on a rolling 90-day commitment to support accountability and meaningful engagement.

Founding Member Rate: \$195 per quarter (\$65 per month)

Standard Rate: \$225 per quarter

Founding members receive a reduced rate in recognition of their early participation and commitment to shaping the Practice Circle.

Space is limited.

