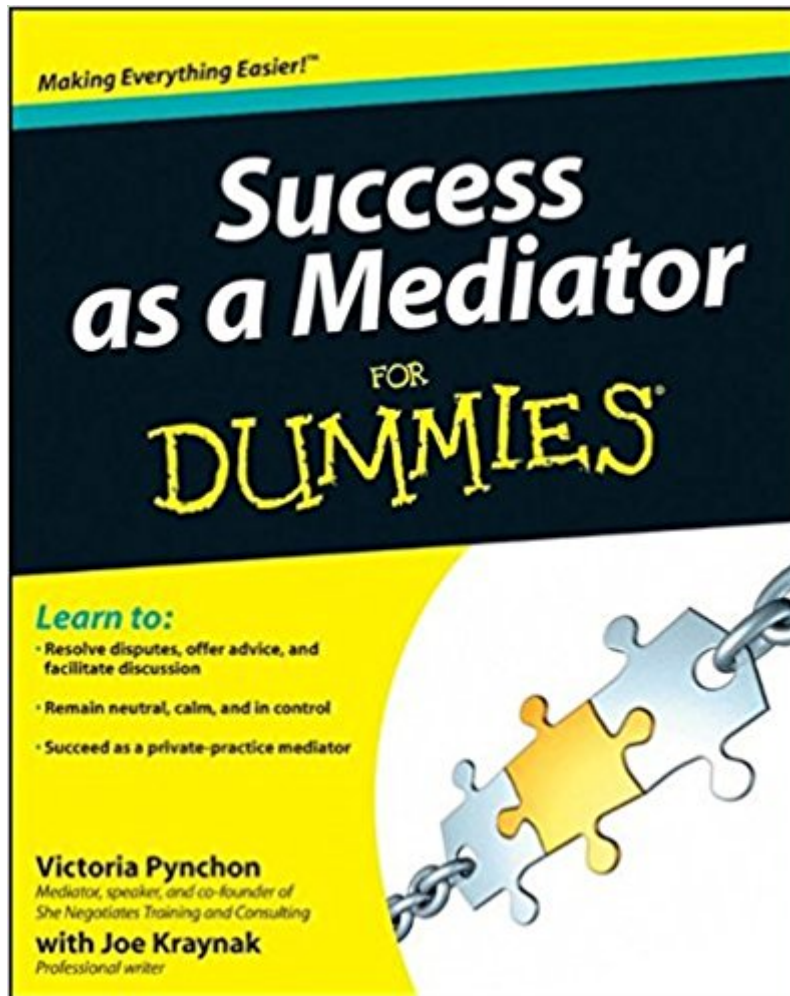




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# Success As A Mediator For Dummies



## Synopsis

Everything you need to enter the exciting field of mediation To be an effective mediator, it's essential to possess the ability to take control of contentious situations, facilitate discussion, and lead people to better solutions than those they'd be capable of reaching without your lead--all the while remaining neutral without formulating biased judgment. *Success as a Mediator For Dummies* helps you acquire these attributes and much more. *Aspiring* mediators will learn the importance of upholding an honorable reputation, the skills, personality traits, and characteristics of a good mediator, and how to effectively market a successful mediation career. Plus, you'll get practical advice about finding work in the field, realistic salary information, and tips on identifying whether you have the skills and tools to become a good mediator. The steps necessary to become a mediator (education, training, licensing, states-specific requirements, etc.) How your education and professional background can enhance your mediation work Sample rules and standards of conduct All the steps necessary to build and market a successful private practice in mediation, or flourish as a mediator in a law firm, corporation, school, or non-profit organization Whether you have a background in law, an interest in legal careers or a desire to help your friends, neighbors, fellow workers or the members of your business or professional sphere, *Success as a Mediator For Dummies* gives you everything you need to enter the exciting field of mediation.

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Everything you need to become a master mediator To be an effective mediator, you need to learn and fine-tune a variety of special skills, from remaining calm and neutral, to breaking impasse, to

marketing your business with diligence. Whether you have a background in law or you're brand-new to the field of conflict resolution, this guide gives you everything you need to enter the exciting world of mediation. Say yes to success &#151; find out how to choose a market that holds the greatest potential for success and obtain the training to pursue that market Mediation strategies 101 &#151; get a handle on the fundamental techniques used in mediating, like anchoring, framing, trust-building, brainstorming, problem-solving, and logrolling Put your skills to the test &#151; take a tour of the various situations you'll have to navigate during a mediation, and how to establish and maintain your authority while also helping the parties resolve their disputes Drumming up business &#151; discover how to market yourself and your services, grow your business through networking and referrals, and understand the ins and outs of the business side of mediation Open the book and find: Advice on finding the perfect mediation market for you The required education and training Helpful hints to network with other mediators in the community The best mediation style for your dispute Conflict resolution styles, strategies, and tactics Field-tested ways to break through impasse Learn to: Resolve disputes, offer advice, and facilitate discussion Remain neutral, calm, and in control Succeed as a private-practice mediator

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With my new foray into the world as a mediator, I am of course looking for all of the practical guidance that I can get. While the satisfaction of helping people resolve their disputes will be a reward in itself, I would like to make this a larger part of my construction counseling practice. Vickie's new book gives great practical advice on everything from various techniques of mediation (facilitative, evaluative and the like) to ways to make money as a mediator. Where her prior book gave great anecdotes and stories to illustrate conflict resolution in a more general sense, her new "Dummies" book is focused exclusively on the practice of mediation. Like the other books in the "Dummies" series, it starts with a great overview and outline of the various chapters and moves forward in a manner that allows a reader like me to read it cover to cover or to find just what I'm looking for. As a newly minted mediator, the book gives me a great perspective on the future possibilities as well as giving real life ideas that I may not have thought of. I recommend it for anyone dipping a toe into the mediator pool. That's not to say that I don't think it will help the seasoned mediator (or litigator for that matter). Many of the tips point out impasse breaking

strategies aside from locking the parties in a room until they agree. Many of these tips give some great "outside the box" ideas to get the most recalcitrant parties to see the value of a settlement. The more "arrows" in the quiver of any mediator (new or old), the better in my thinking. In short, if you are at all interested in mediation from either the advocate's or the mediator's perspective there is something in this book that will help you out.

Lots of helpful information and sources. Takes time to work through but that time is reduced if the reader is not pursuing mediation as a business. Of course, knowing WHAT to do is not the same as having the SKILL to actually implement!

After I read this, I decided to not go into Mediation as a second career. That's why these books are great - they give you all of the facts.

I purchased copies of this book for each of my mediation students at the beginning of the term. I am convinced that the practical tips and other helpful advice contained in this wonderful book made a difference in their settlement rates -- and in their own sense of satisfaction as they learned to master the techniques it taught.

This book has the ABC's of mediation from explaining the goals to setting up a practice and becoming an excellent mediator. A wonderful resource for individuals wanting to know more and those also wanting to make a commitment to the art of mediation. A staple for mediators.

I am not a mediator and have no interest in pursuing this as a career - however I found the book to be a tremendous resource for anyone even mildly interested in conflict resolution. And let's face it: every one of us has situations day to day or just one-off big moments when we need to approach something as a mediator would to resolve a dispute (or perhaps we're one of the parties involved in the dispute). The advice is practical and there are examples from current affairs such as lessons from Occupy Wall Street, which makes it contemporary. The book provides a thorough background on the causes of conflict (differences in perception, beliefs and values) etc and how to use certain skills such as persuasion to work through disputes. Overall an extraordinarily well-written book which is a must have for anyone's bookshelf - you never know when you'll need it.

Great read and information. Very easy to understand. Good resource if you are interested in this

subject. Provides pathway to pursuing this as a potential career.

Makes readers stop and reflect on why mediation is so complex and yet can be the answer for many situations

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