



Rajasthan Association of Georgia

Twentieth Literacy Committee Newsletter

Literacy Secretary: Rakhi Poonia (2020-21).

How to become a mediation attorney (family law) in Atlanta and in Georgia?

## **Attitude of gratitude:**

I'd first like to thank my nominators Sunil Mathur sir, Aashu Bhai Sahab, Brij sir, Dinesh Raj sir, Sudhir Agarwal sir, Sankalp Mathur DevDarshan sir, Pravin Soni sir, Praveen Gattani Sir, Ashok sir, Hari Mundhra sir, Dinesh Raj sir, and Anand Rathi sir for giving me the chance to help RAJA youth in capacity of its Literacy Secretary 2020-21.

Today's newsletter required extensive as well as intensive research and analysis on my part.

I researched that being a mediation attorney (family law) in Atlanta and in Georgia is a high paying white-collar job.

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## Chapter 1

Who is a mediator?

I researched on

[www.thesolomonfirm.com](http://www.thesolomonfirm.com) › atlanta-family-attorney website and found that:

“The **mediator** is usually a **lawyer** that is well versed in the legal issues in dispute and does not represent either side. **Mediation** can be voluntary, court ordered, or contractually obligated before taking the legal issues to trial.”

## Chapter 2

How does a family law mediator help?

I researched on the following website:

[https://study.com/articles/How\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_Family\\_Law\\_Mediator\\_Education\\_and\\_Career\\_Roadmap.html](https://study.com/articles/How_to_Become_a_Family_Law_Mediator_Education_and_Career_Roadmap.html) and found that:

- a. “A **family law mediator** helps families resolve disputes out of court. This discord may concern relationships within a family, child custody arrangements or divorce agreements.”
- b. “The mediator might set up appointments with the parties involved for arbitration, facilitate communication between them, and interview those involved in the dispute. They may negotiate between parties to reach an agreement and prepare the settlement for signatures.”
- c. “The Bureau of Labor Statistics states that many employers of family law mediators require or prefer applicants who are experienced attorneys. Travel may be required to neutral locations, and many mediators fulfill their duties by working part-time. Some have additional careers beyond mediation.”
- d. “Family law mediators should have a few key skills including critical-thinking, negotiation, writing, listening, and research skills.”
- e. “These professionals should also have knowledge of law and government and an ability to use legal search engines and accounting software according to The U.S. Bureau of Labor .”

## Chapter 3

How much does a mediation attorney (family law) earn in Atlanta and in Georgia?

I researched on the following website:

[https://study.com/articles/How\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_Family\\_Law\\_Mediator\\_Education\\_and\\_Career\\_Roadmap.html](https://study.com/articles/How_to_Become_a_Family_Law_Mediator_Education_and_Career_Roadmap.html) and found that:

“Mediation attorneys in general earned a median annual salary of \$62,270 in 2018.”

## Chapter 4

What are degree requirements of a mediation attorney (family law)?

I researched on the following website and found an answer to this question:

[https://study.com/articles/How\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_Family\\_Law\\_Mediator\\_Education\\_and\\_Career\\_Roadmap.html](https://study.com/articles/How_to_Become_a_Family_Law_Mediator_Education_and_Career_Roadmap.html)

### a. **“Earn Undergraduate Degree**

There is no specific undergraduate field of study designed to prepare individuals to work as family law mediators. **Bachelor's degree programs** are available in areas that include child development, family studies, and human development. These programs may include coursework that introduces students to the disputes that can arise within families, which could make working as a family law mediator easier.”

b. “Some schools and colleges offer undergraduate students the ability to complete a certificate program of study in mediation or dispute resolution. These programs may include **courses** in negotiation and bargaining, conflict management, and interpersonal communication. Mediation certificate programs can provide students with a foundation in mediation practices.”

## Chapter 5

Which law school does a mediation attorney need to attend in Atlanta and in Georgia?

I researched on the following website and found an answer to this question:

“[https://study.com/articles/How\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_Family\\_Law\\_Mediator\\_Education\\_and\\_Career\\_Roadmap.html](https://study.com/articles/How_to_Become_a_Family_Law_Mediator_Education_and_Career_Roadmap.html)”

### **a. “Consider Law School**

Although not required to work as a family law mediator, attending law school and earning a JD may make an individual eligible for more job positions. The decision whether to attend law school can be made while completing an undergraduate degree program.

Law schools require applicants to submit their Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores along with their applications. This exam, which most students take during their junior year of undergraduate study, is designed to test an individual's analytical reasoning skills. Several private companies offer prep courses that may help an individual increase their LSAT score.

Law school typically requires three years of full-time study. First-year law students complete a curriculum of courses in basic laws subjects, such as tort and property law. Second- and third-year law students complete elective courses and clinical experiences. Mediation clinical experiences may be available to upper-level students. Family law is an elective course at most schools. Some law schools allow students to concentrate their studies in family law or mediation and dispute resolution.

Law school graduates usually become eligible to practice law after passing a state's bar exam. Although the format of each state's bar exam differs, many include multiple days of testing.”

### **“Earn Master's Degree**

A master's degree program in mediation and applied conflict studies or in negotiation and dispute resolution can prepare an individual to work as a family law mediator. These approximately two-year long programs may be available online and might include **coursework** in culture, gender, and power differences in conflicts, ethics and impartiality, family mediation, and identity-based conflict. Most programs also include fieldwork experiences. Regardless of whether they complete a concentration, aspiring family law mediators might take elective courses in family law and mediation to learn about the areas related to their intended career.”

### **“Pursue Certification**

Many colleges and professional organizations offer specialized mediation certification programs, which are typically 40-hour programs. These programs may be geared toward human resources or administration professionals as well as those in the legal profession.

Students in these programs will learn conflict resolution techniques, take part in role-playing activities to practice these skills, and learn how to evaluate their performance against industry standards. Students also discover common issues that arise in family mediation and learn the stages of a standard mediation process.”



## **“Gain Experience**

Most employers seek mediators with related experience either practicing law or working as a mediator. Lawyers and mediators can work for the government, court system, or private organizations. The more experience a mediator gains, the more likely they are to advance in their career.

To sum up, a family law mediator can come up in the field in a few different ways. They might complete an undergraduate program and go to law school, or they might enroll in a master's or certificate program with courses that relate to family law and mediation. In either case, law experience is typically required.”

## Chapter 6

Which are the best family attorney law schools to attend in Atlanta and in Georgia as well as across the United States of America?

I researched and found an answer to this question on the following website:

<https://www.whatwilltheylearn.com/schools/compare?state>

“Agnes Scott College C \$41,160 64% Albany State University B \$5,735 (In-State)

\$16,196 (Out-of-State) 8% Augusta University B \$8,604 (In-State)

\$23,156 (Out-of-State) 9% Berry College C \$36,556 60% Clark Atlanta University D \$22,186 34% Clayton State University B \$5,419 (In-State)

\$15,880 (Out-of-State) 10% Columbus State University C \$6,134 (In-State)

\$16,920 (Out-of-State) 14% Dalton State College B \$4,246 (In-State)

\$12,668 (Out-of-State) 7% Emory University C \$51,306 83% Fort

Valley State University B \$6,658 (In-State)  
\$19,738 (Out-of-State) 9% Georgia College B \$9,346 (In-State)

\$28,060 (Out-of-State) 48% Georgia Gwinnett College B \$5,634  
(In-State)

\$16,348 (Out-of-State) 4% Georgia Institute of  
Technology B \$12,424 (In-State)

\$33,020 (Out-of-State) 40% Georgia Southern University B \$6,356  
(In-State)

\$17,142 (Out-of-State) 25% Georgia Southwestern State  
University B \$5,381 (In-State)

\$15,842 (Out-of-State) 14% Georgia State University B \$9,112  
(In-State)

\$23,971 (Out-of-State) 27% Kennesaw State University A \$6,347  
(In-State)

\$17,329 (Out-of-State) 14% Mercer  
University C \$36,894 49% Middle Georgia State  
University B \$3,924 (In-State)

\$11,092 (Out-of-State) 11% Morehouse

CollegeA\$27,57643% Oglethorpe UniversityC\$38,10039% Paine  
CollegeB\$16,09615% Savannah State UniversityB\$5,743 (In-  
State)

\$16,204 (Out-of-State)11% Spelman

CollegeC\$29,06468% University of GeorgiaA\$11,830 (In-State)

\$30,404 (Out-of-State)65% University of North GeorgiaC\$4,692  
(In-State)

\$13,514 (Out-of-State)32% University of West GeorgiaC\$6,288  
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Mediation - Phoenix Family Law Attorney ...  
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Source: Family Law Mediation Attorney Irvine | Kaufman  
Steinberg LLP

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# MEDIATION PROCESS

**Dispute, Communication, Closure**

Image: [google.com](https://www.google.com)





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Source: Settlement Conference on [google.com](https://www.google.com)



Source: [www.ditchenlaw.com](http://www.ditchenlaw.com)

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Mediation

## Conclusion

I think becoming a mediation attorney (family law) in Atlanta and in Georgia is a high paying white-collar job. In sum, in a western country like United States of America mediation attorneys make a lot of money. To conclude, RAJA youth should consider becoming a mediation attorney as it is a high paying job. In conclusion, mediation attorneys keep busy and happy as they make hay throughout the year.

As RAJA literacy secretary 2020-21 I would recommend that RAJA women work once their children grow up. I learnt this from my Gujrati friends who value work, who value education for women, and above all, they value women making money through their education.

As professor of Political Science at Rutgers University USA 2004-2008 I encountered many Gujrati students (men as well as women, girls and boys) who would attend college after completing their day-time work. All of them had a day-time job too. I learnt from them that we can work and produce positive results if we want.

I think education and money has a lot of value. I think RAJA men should encourage their highly educated wives to work and make them believe that they will succeed. When women can attain higher education before marriage, I am sure they can achieve everything, get every dream job of their choice with

their spouse's support after marriage. I think work is worship. We get one life and we should make the best out of it. It is my observation that the more men encourage women the more they flourish in their lives.

Stay safe during COVID-19.

## About RAJA literacy secretary 2020-21



Rakhi Poonia is literacy secretary of Rajasthan Association of Atlanta 2020-21. She is a recipient of 2009 David Gould Scholarship sponsored by American Society for Public

Administration. She is also a recipient of Pi Alpha Alpha (2006) for Public Service sponsored by Northern New Jersey chapter, USA.

She holds a Master's in history from University of Delhi (India) and Master's in Public Administration from University of Rajasthan, India.

Rakhi has also taught courses in Political Science at Rutgers the State University of New Jersey 2004-2008.

She has published more than 51 books on amazon.com as RAJA literacy secretary. Rakhi Poonia books are available for purchase on amazon.com. One book, "Breezy Blossoms," is also part of Sharon Forks Library, Forsyth County.

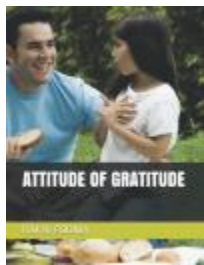
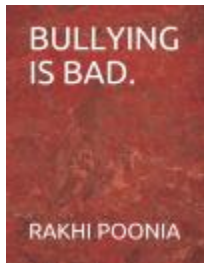
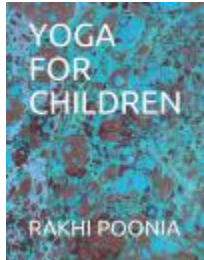
Rakhi lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband Engineer Anil Poonia and eight-year-old son Aaron Poonia. Aaron is an extraordinary child and a recipient of Star Galaxy award 2020 at Settles Bridge Elementary School. He always makes his parents proud.

Rakhi Poonia writes business books to generate employment among youth. To help small and medium sized businesses move forward and generate profits. To help those who want to dream big and work towards their goal. Every dream is achievable.

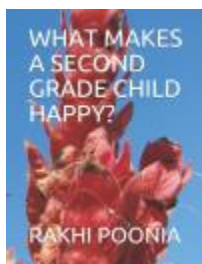
Rakhi Poonia writes children's books because children are our future. Child is father of man. To make a child smile is the biggest wealth. Children are gift of god. The way a society treats its children speaks volumes about that society.

29 out of 51 books written by Rakhi Poonia on amazon.com are on social equity, public service, and Public Administration.

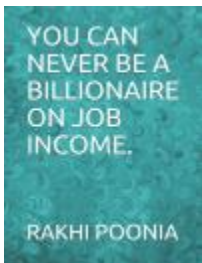
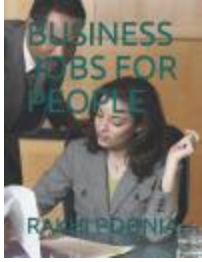
Some of the books published by Rakhi Poonia on amazon.com

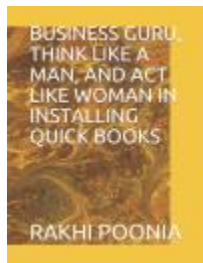
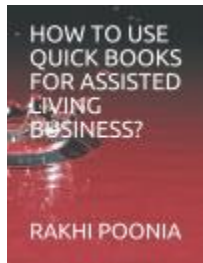
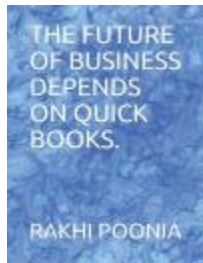


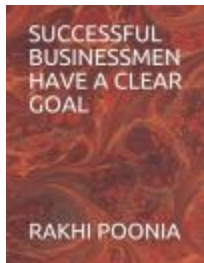
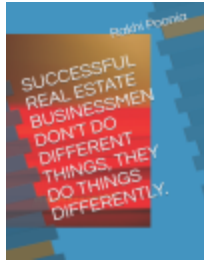














*This certifies that*

**Rakhi Poonia**

*was duly initiated into*

**Pi Alpha Alpha**

*the National Honor Society for  
Public Affairs and Administration*

*on the Nineteenth day of May 2006*

*By the Rutgers University, Newark Chapter*



*Agnes F. Lavin*  
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In god we trust.