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Hi Tim,

It was great meeting with you and Patty today! Thank you for taking the time to listen to Patty and I talk about the resource constraint problem we see with the appellate mediation program. To fix this problem, I propose that we amend Rule 12A so that it says the following:

**“(1) Cases pending at the supreme court may be referred to the office of mediation and arbitration for mediation as set forth in this rule. All mediation will be conducted by a retired full-time judge, ~~or a~~ retired full-time marital master, or other qualified mediator as determined by the Supreme Court in conjunction with the office of mediation and arbitration.”**

When applications for 12A mediators are issued, I think minimal qualifications to be a 12A mediator should include:

- Being barred in New Hampshire as an attorney
- 10 years of recent experience as a mediator in the case types the mediator wishes to be referred.

Let me know what you think. And, let me know when would be a good time to tour the Supreme Court. I would love to visit!

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