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Carl Arnold is a leader in the field of Family Law Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as an ADR practitioner and ADR educator.

Carl Arnold is an attorney and ADR professional. From his office in Northfield, Minnesota, Carl provides Family Mediation, SENE/FENE, Collaborative Divorce and Custody Evaluation services in-person and across Minnesota on Zoom.

Carl Arnold teaches ADR courses, typically including one 40-hour course a year, for family mediators. He also co-teaches (with his spouse Katie Arnold) a 4-credit course at Metropolitan State University each fall titled Negotiation and Mediation that qualifies students for the 30-hour Rule 114 Civil Roster. In 2020, through Minnesota CLE, Carl presented on Screening for Domestic Violence in ADR (webinar) and Best Practices for Online ADR (at the annual Minnesota ADR Institute). Carl has presented at the Minnesota Family Law Institute (FLI) regarding mediation and has served on the FLI Planning Committee. Carl has completed the 6-day Custody Evaluator course through Mediation Center (Minnesota).

Carl has mediated many family law matters using Skype, Zoom and FaceTime with participants in other states and countries and he teaches classes for other professionals on how to use video technology for mediation and other ADR processes. In 2020, Carl co-taught the first ever 40-hour Family Mediation Training in Minnesota exclusively online using Zoom. Carl has presented to AFCC-MN on the topic of online mediation.

Carl Arnold has a strong background in safety issues related to parenting. For 5 years ending in the spring of 2015, Mr. Arnold was the primary attorney appointed for parents in Child In Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases in Rice County.

Carl is a past President of the Rice County Bar Association. Mr. Arnold is a long-time member of the Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota (he is a Past President of the Board and serves on the Sliding Scale Fee Committee) and is a qualified neutral on both the civil and family rosters under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice.