

EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION (ENE)
TRAINING & ROSTER REFRESH SCHEDULE

Training

Since inception of the ENE program in 1994, the District of Vermont has periodically sponsored training opportunities focused on ENE and/or other alternative dispute resolution programs. In June 2011, a training forum was held with considerable success and positive results. Going forward, the court would like to make these opportunities available every two years. To maintain appeal and relevance, various training methods and venues will be offered. When feasible, credit for continuing legal education will be sought.

Roster Refresh

In conjunction with the biennial training schedule, refreshment of the roster may also occur. ENE Panel Retention Questionnaires will be provided to members and will require affirmative action. Members who request removal, or fail to return the form by the specified date, will be eliminated from the roster and replaced. Any resulting vacancies will be filled by individuals who: (1) have submitted a request for appointment to the roster; (2) are eligible for appointment pursuant to L.R. 16.1(d)(2); and (3) serve the current needs of the program. In the event the number of eligible individuals is insufficient to satisfy the roster, the ENE Subcommittee will develop a list of recommendations for the court's consideration. Such recommendations will be based primarily on potential deficiencies in the roster as to legal expertise and geographical location.

The court may, at its discretion, add or remove evaluators to/from the roster to address unexpected events or to fill a specific need.