

Rule 1915.3*. Seminar for Separated and Divorced Parents.

- (a) In an action for custody, partial custody or visitation, both parents shall attend an approved education seminar on the general responsibilities of separated and divorced parents.
- (b) Seminars shall be conducted by seminar providers as approved by the President Judge. Seminars shall be conducted in the Montgomery County Courthouse or at such other location as approved by the President Judge. Each parent will be responsible to register for a seminar and for payment of the seminar costs; however, the costs may be waived by the Court for any party qualifying to proceed *in forma pauperis*.
- (c) Seminar attendance is not required in connection with any petition to modify custody where the parties have already attended the seminar within the past two (2) years.
- (d) A Certificate of Attendance shall be filed by the seminar provider with the Prothonotary's Office reflecting that attendance was fulfilled by the parent.
- (e) For good cause shown, the Court may waive the requirement of seminar attendance in a particular case.
- (f) Upon a party's failure to attend a required seminar, the Court may impose sanctions, including but not limited to a finding of contempt. A hearing on a custody petition shall not be delayed by a party's refusal or delay in completing the seminar.