

# Mediation Advocacy Training and Accreditation

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# Overview of training and accreditation

## Training related to mediation advocacy - generally:

- Short courses, e.g. CPDs and structured courses leading to accreditation/certification
- Online training courses available for sale e.g. by Edwards Mediation Academy
- Face to face training, e.g. by SCMA, IPDRAA – some lead to accreditation

# Course providers

- **Educational institutions**
  - e.g. Duke University School of Law; City University of Hong Kong
- **Professional bodies/Learned societies**
  - e.g. HKIAC, IPDRAA, SCMA
- **Commercial course providers**



# Usual components of training courses – knowledge and skills

- **Pre-requisite of students**
  - Depending on different course providers
- **Training hours**
  - Varies according to the nature of course
- **Content**
  - **Observation: mostly related to understanding of how mediation works, not much on advocacy skills**

# Modes of assessment

- Attendance
- Written assignment
- Continuous assessment
- Role playing
- On-job training

# Accreditation

- **Leading to Certification**
- **Leading to panel of mediation advocates**
  - **Standards – ref. SCMA’s Mediation Advocacy Standards, IMI Competency Criteria for Mediation Advocates and Advisors**



# Observations

- Skills overlaps with those of mediators?
- Act in the best interest of the client –  
presumably from many different perspectives  
– where to draw the line?
- Issue of indemnity insurance?

# The way forward for Hong Kong

- **Where is the theoretical support of mediation advocacy?**
- **Indemnity insurance issue?**
- **Should we unify the standard?**
- **Should we have a premier accreditation body?**





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# Thank You!

