

**61—17.9(654A,654B) Availability of assistance in preparation for mediation.** The mediation service may make available for an hourly fee personnel to assist parties in the preparation for mediation. The preparation may be done by mediators of the mediation service, but in no case shall a person available through the mediation service who assists in preparation for any party act as a mediator in proceedings relating to that party. The hourly fee shall be set by the board of the mediation service.