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The presentation will include an overview of the workload of the Family Court, highlighting the historical and current use of the mediation process by the Judges. Details will be given of the private mediation pilot conducted by the Ministry of Justice that provided the impetus for new legislation arising from the passing of the Family Courts' Matters Bill. This legislation introduced changes to the way in which mediations are conducted when applications are filed in the Court; they will be described. Finally, some comment will be made about the expectations which the Judges may have once the private mediation introduced by the new legislation is in place.