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IMPORTANT NEWS

Save the Date!
Friday, October 14, 2016

14th Annual Advanced Mediation Techniques
Workshop - Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN

**Making Mediation Your Day Job
with Dr. Tammy Lenski**

Registration materials and additional information will
be emailed to you soon.

**** If you are unable to attend the workshop in person,
you may watch it online via live
stream from your home or office computer.****

Fast Stats: There were 1,520 mediations reported for 2nd Quarter 2016. Of those, 914 (60.1%) had all issues resolved; 148 (9.7%) had issues that were partially resolved; and 458 (30.1%) had no issues resolved. There were 90 pro bono mediations plus 5 additional court ordered pro bono mediations reported. These mediation statistics were compiled from online mediation reports submitted by Rule 31 listed mediators per ADRC Policies 10 and 22. **You can now find the 2016 statistics at: <http://www.tncourts.gov/programs/mediation/resources-mediators> under "Submit Rule 31 Report."**

To file online mediation reports, go to: <http://www.tncourts.gov/programs/mediation/resources-mediators>. If you have lost your username and password and are unable to submit an online mediation report, please contact Claudia Lewis at (615) 741-2687 or by email at claudia.lewis@tncourts.gov. Because of the sensitive nature of the information, she will fax your username and password to you.

Mid-South Community & Justice Mediation Center

By: Linda Nettles Harris, Esq.

Rule 31 Listed General Civil and Family Mediator/ADR Commission Member

The two individuals primarily responsible for the initiation of the successful Mediator of the Day Program in Shelby County General Sessions Court, Rule 31 Mediators Linda Warren Seely and Steve Shields, were not content with limiting mediation services to the court system. As part of their continuing efforts to broaden accessibility of mediation for Mid-South residents and to provide them with quality and affordable mediation services, conflict resolution, and mediation education and training, they have devoted their efforts to creating Mid-South CJAM, an acronym for Mid-South Community & Justice Mediation Center.

Mid-South CJAM, which is slated to open in the Fall of 2016, will be a non-profit organization with a mission to promote a civil and just community through the use of mediation. CJAM will be conveniently located in Midtown, at 1950 Madison Avenue, in Memphis, Tennessee. Over the last few months, Linda and Steve have been working to ensure that CJAM will be a valuable asset in helping Mid-South residents resolve conflict. The center will offer free and reduced cost mediation services based on a participant's ability to pay. Mediations will cover a broad range of small claims, including civil disputes between neighbors, family members and friends; landlords and tenants; property disputes; contract disputes; and other civil and small claims matters. CJAM plans to accept requests from individuals, families, courts, community groups, schools and businesses for mediation services. In addition, group facilitation and skills workshops will be offered and opened to the public.

The initial plans are for CJAM to operate with a small staff and a dedicated group of volunteer mediators. I have agreed to serve as the part-time Interim Executive Director for CJAM. As an incentive for mediators to volunteer, CJAM will maintain a roster and volunteer mediators will also be eligible for reduced fee mediations. If you are a Rule 31 Mediator in the Mid-South area and you are interested in being placed on the roster, please call 901-522-2747.

About the Author:

Linda Nettles Harris, Esq. is a certified EEO Investigator, Rule 31 listed general civil and family mediator, an independent arbitrator, a FINRA trained arbitrator and a private practitioner civil litigator, with a practice that focuses on mediation, arbitration, litigation and investigations. She has been a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission since 2013. For more than 20 years, Linda worked for the United States Department of Justice, where she served as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Western District of Tennessee. Linda also has extensive practice experience with the United States Circuit Courts of Appeal. Prior to serving with the United States Department of Justice, Linda served as a federal judicial law clerk to the United States District Court Judge Jerome (Jerry) Turner and a state court judicial law clerk to Chancellor George T. Lewis. Linda is also a former Memphis, Tennessee Police Officer, where she served as a uniform patrol officer; assistant coordinator of the Memphis Crime Stoppers Program; and as an investigator/sergeant, assigned to investigate sex crimes, child sexual abuse cases, burglaries and auto thefts.

~ Roll Call ~

Congratulations to the following Newly Listed Rule 31 Mediators!
These mediators were approved for listing at the ADRC Quarterly Meeting on July 26, 2016.

Mr. Ronne Allen Adkins, General Civil
Ms. Heather G. Anderson Allen, General Civil
Ms. Kim Barrington, General Civil
Ms. Lauren R. Biloski, Family/DV
Mrs. Phyllis Marlene Boshers, Family
Mr. Alexander Brown, General Civil/ Family
Ms. Nasha L. Brown, Family
Ms. Courtney H. Bullard, General Civil
Ms. Lauren A. Carroll, Family
Ms. Siphachanh Chanthaphaychith, Family
Dr. Vickey V. Coleman, General Civil
Mr. John Steven Collins, General Civil/Family
Mr. Eric Matthew Counts, General Civil/Family
Mr. Warren Clay Crook, Family/DV
Ms. Melanie Sue Davies, Family/DV
Mr. Joseph Wesley Edens, General Civil
Mr. Michael L. Forrester, General Civil
Mrs. Melanie Gwyn Frizzell, General Civil
Ms. Devon L. Gosnell, General Civil
Dr. John R. Hardwig, General Civil
Mr. Norman Harris, General Civil
Ms. Lea Hunter, Family

Ms. Paula R. Jackson, General Civil
Mr. Frank Andrew Johnstone, General Civil
Mrs. Sarah Ashley Gary Kmita, Family
Mrs. Jade Rogers Maberry, General Civil/Family
Mr. Jedidiah Charles McKeehan, Family
Mr. William E. McManus, Jr., Family
Ms. Tishia M. Morris, General Civil
Dr. Kalai Mugilan, Family
Mr. Anthony Charles Pietrangelo, General Civil
Ms. Amanda Shea Powers, General Civil
Mr. Matthew Beck Ramsey, Family
Ms. Caroline J. Robbins, General Civil
Ms. Tonya Robbins, General Civil
Ms. Elizabeth Sarah Rudnick, General Civil
Mr. R. Clinton Saxton, General Civil
Dr. Sabine Scoggins, General Civil/Family
Rev. Janet Lee Seay, General Civil
Mr. Luke A. Shipley, Family
Mr. Keith D. Stewart, General Civil/ Family
Mr. Dustin C. Swayne, General Civil
Mrs. Wendy Nicole Villafana, Family
Mr. Thomas Coleman Winston, General Civil

UPCOMING ADRC APPROVED CONTINUING MEDIATION EDUCATION (CME) OPPORTUNITIES

August 16, 2016..... **Ethics of Legal Advice, Legal Information and Scribing in Mediation**
For more information, email: rbrown2456@aol.com

August 23, 2016.....**Hot Family Law Cases**
For more information, email: tapm@tennmediators.org

September 13, 2016.....**Mediation, Restorative Justice, and the Metro Schools' PASSAGES Initiative**
For more information, email: info@nashvilleconflict.org

September 21, 2016.....**Mediation in Tennessee: Keys to Effective Settlement Negotiations**
For more information, email: lynnda.peterson@nbi-sems.com

For approved internet training courses and more information on the courses above, go to:
<http://www.tncourts.gov/programs/mediation/resources-mediators/continuing-mediation-education>

Important ADRC Dates

August 18, 2016.....Rule 31 Mediator Applications Deadline for ADRC review on October 13, 2016

October 13, 2016.....ADR Commission Meeting, Holiday Inn Vanderbilt, Nashville

October 14, 2016.....ADRC Annual Workshop, Lipscomb University, Nashville

We Would Like to Hear From You!

In an effort to encourage education and communication between and for Rule 31 listed mediators, the ADRC accepts proposed article submissions from Rule 31 listed mediators and others in the *ADR News*. All submissions may or may not be published and are subject to editing according to the Program Manager's discretion. If you are interested in submitting an article for possible publication in the *ADR News*, please contact Claudia Lewis, AOC Programs Manager, at Claudia.Lewis@tncourts.gov.