

County Mediation Matters

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Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

- Carl Bard

CME Opportunities

Be sure to mark your calendars with these great CME opportunities coming up in January, February, and March:

The January CME Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, January 10th on a topic yet-to-be-determined. Suggestions anyone?

On Friday, January 31st, the UF Law School is sponsoring an all-day program entitled "Transformative Mediation: Fulfilling the Promise of Mediation." Co-presenters are Joe Folger, coauthor of the book "The Promise of Mediation" and Sally Pope of the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation. Volunteer county court mediators are invited to attend this very interesting seminar free-of-charge. You may attend for either a full or half-day. Brochures should be available soon.

At the CME Luncheon on February 14th, John Ives and Liz Jones have agreed to facilitate a discussion of several ethics scenarios presented at an ethics workshop at the DRC conference this past August.

Also in February, the annual Domestic Violence Summit is scheduled for Friday, February 21st in Gainesville.

On Saturday, March 1st, the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators

is sponsoring an all-day Advanced Mediation Seminar in Orlando. This program will offer up to 8.4 hours of CME credit, including up to 3.6 ethics credits. In addition, a pre-seminar workshop on Friday, February 28th from 2- 6 p.m. will offer up to 4.5 CME credits, including 2.2 hours of mediator ethics. Both sessions are open to FAPM members and to non-members for a slightly higher registration fee. Seminar information will be mailed to FAPM members in early January. For information on becoming a member of FAPM, visit their website at www.tfapm.org.

Also, don't forget to check the quarterly Resolution Report for additional CME opportunities throughout the state.

November Stats

Volunteers mediated 91 cases in Alachua County in November and settled 60 percent. The outcome is pending in 13 cases. Six cases out of ten mediated in the neighboring counties were settled. Year-to-date, volunteers have mediated 791 cases in the Eighth Circuit and settled 61 percent.

Reminder

Please remember that when you are doing a peer observation (i.e., observing one of your fellow mediators - not mentoring a trainee)

that you are there to observe *only* and must not participate in the mediation in any way. The purpose of the observations is to learn from different mediation styles and techniques, not to critique, train, or "rescue" your fellow mediators. To do this, you must pay close attention to what the mediator is doing without interjecting your own thoughts and personal style into the process. If you have questions or comments, save them for discussion afterwards.

Important Dates

December 24-25 - Courthouse

closed for Christmas holiday

December 27 - No Court

January 10 - CME Luncheon

January 17 - No Court

January 20 - Courthouse

closed for Martin Luther King holiday

February 14 - CME Luncheon

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Happy New Year!!

Eighth Judicial Circuit County Mediation Program Results

November 2002

County	Cases Mediated	Written Agreements Reached	Percent Written Agreements	Continued Cases Pending	Continued Cases Defaulted
Alachua	81	34	51%	13	0
Baker	0	0	NA	0	0
Bradford	6	5	83%	0	0
Gilchrist	1	0	0%	0	0
Levy	1	0	0%	0	0
Union	2	1	50%	0	0
Total	91	47	60%	13	0

2002 Year-To-Date

January through November

County	Cases Mediated	Written Agreements Reached	Percent Written Agreements	Continued Cases Pending	Continued Cases Defaulted
Alachua	692	414	62%	21	14
Baker	15	11	73%	0	0
Bradford	31	21	68%	0	0
Gilchrist	2	1	50%	0	0
Levy	37	16	43%	0	1
Union	14	7	50%	0	0
Total	791	470	61%	21	15

Note: Percent written agreements does not include continued cases that are pending.