

County Mediation Matters

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When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free.

*Charles Evans Hughes (1862-1948)
U.S. Supreme Court Justice*

In order to receive the subsidized rate, you must submit your registration form and payment to Janet no later than September 17th. Do not submit registration forms directly to the ACR or DRC!!!

Fall Clinic

The students in the Fall Civil Mediation Clinic will begin their mentorship on Friday, September 5th. Thank you to all of you who have agreed to assist the students.

August Stats

Volunteers mediated 78 cases in Alachua County in August and settled 47 percent. The outcome is pending in ten cases. Thirteen cases were mediated in the neighboring counties, with agreements reached in eleven cases. Year-to-date, 538 cases have been mediated in the circuit with an overall settlement rate of 63 percent. During the same period last year, the program mediated 548 cases throughout the circuit and had an overall settlement rate of 63 percent.

ACR/DRC Joint Conference

The following information is also available on the volunteers' web site.

Reimbursements: If you were an active volunteer with the Eighth Judicial Circuit County Mediation Program during Calendar year 2002 and mediated 10 or more cases, you are eligible for a total annual stipend of \$250 to use in offsetting the costs of continuing education activities. If you mediated less than 10 cases, you are eligible for \$75. Most volunteers who were active in 2002 are eligible for \$250. Check with Janet if in doubt. Stipends may be used for reimbursement of ACR/DRC conference expenses.

Conference Registration: Volunteer mediators will receive substantially reduced registration rates to attend the joint ACR/DRC Conference in October. The conference convenes at 12:30 pm on Thursday, October 16th and adjourns at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. In addition, half-day pre-conference institutes will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, October 15th and 16th. Rates for volunteers to attend both the pre-conference and the regular conference are as follows:

\$50 for each half-day pre-conference institute. Note that this is not a discounted rate.

\$50 for half-day conference registration Thursday, October 16th (12:30 to 5:00 p.m.)

\$100 for registration for day and a half conference registration Friday, October 17th through Saturday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m.

EXAMPLES: If you want to attend the conference Thursday only, your registration cost is \$50. If you plan to attend the entire conference, from Thursday afternoon through Saturday, your registration cost is \$150. If you only want to attend on Friday, you will have to register for the Friday-Saturday option and your cost is \$100.

Hotel Information: Special room rates are available at the Coronado Springs Resort and the Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista. Reservations at the Coronado Springs can be made through September 19th by calling 407-939-1020. The special rate is \$145 plus 11.5% tax. The reservation number for the Comfort Inn is 407-996-7300, and the discounted rate is \$39.95. In order to get the special rate for either hotel, be sure to mention that you are attending the ACR/DRC Conference.

Important Dates

September 12 - CME Luncheon
October 31 - CME Luncheon
October 15-18 - DRC/ACR Joint Conference, Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando
November 21 - CME Luncheon

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in county mediation proceedings you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's Office by phone at (352) 337-6237 or in person or in writing at 201 E. University Ave, Gainesville FL 32601 within 2 working days of your receipt of this newsletter; if you are hearing impaired, call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

Eighth Judicial Circuit County Mediation Program Results

August 2003

County	Cases Mediated	Written Agreements Reached	Percent Written Agreements	Continued Cases Pending	Continued Cases Defaulted
Alachua	78	32	47%	10	0
Baker	2	1	50%	0	0
Bradford	6	6	100%	0	0
Gilchrist	1	1	100%	0	0
Levy	3	2	67%	0	0
Union	1	1	100%	0	0
Total	91	43	53%	10	0

2003 Year-To-Date

January through August

County	Cases Mediated	Written Agreements Reached	Percent Written Agreements	Continued Cases Pending	Continued Cases Defaulted
Alachua	462	279	63%	19	6
Baker	10	6	75%	2	0
Bradford	22	14	64%	0	0
Gilchrist	5	3	60%	0	0
Levy	32	17	53%	0	0
Union	7	6	86%	0	0
Total	538	325	63%	21	6

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