

Indiana Association of Mediators

Advancing the Practice of Mediation in Indiana

Save these dates - Friday & Saturday, **Sept. 18 & 19, 2009** - IAM's **2009 Conference**. Also, the next meeting of the IAM Board will be on **July 7th at 7:30** by teleconference. Contact Mary Hoeller (from the IAM website) if you wish to participate.

Welcome to our newest members - Natalie Overshiner (Indianapolis), **Charles Tavel** (Brownsburg), **Dana Renay** (Carmel), **Ericka Gibson** (Indianapolis), and **Dan Gioia** (Valparaiso), **and to returning members - Sarah Dicks** (Crawfordsville), and **Eileen Maguire** (Noblesville).



Information on the 2009 IAM Conference



The 2009 IAM Conference will be held at the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center in Beech Grove, Indiana. We used this location last year and from participants' comments, it seems like everyone liked the location and facilities. Our featured speaker this year is **Diana Mercer**. Diana is an Attorney-Mediator and the founder of Peace Talks Mediation Services in Los Angeles, CA. She is the co-author of *Your Divorce Advisor* (Simon & Schuster 2001) and her new book *When Divorce Works* will be published by Penguin in 2010. She is an Advanced Practitioner Member of the ACR and is admitted to practice in

CA, NY, CT, and PA. She is also the Co-Chair of the ABA DR Practice Development Committee. She is a frequent guest faculty speaker at IU Maurer School of Law. In February of this year, she spoke at the ABA DRS Midyear meeting in Boston on the topic "*Successfully Transitioning to or Starting an ADR Practice*" and in 2008, spoke at the ABA DRS 10th Annual National Conference on the topic "*Upsizing: How to Build and Operate an Increasingly Profitable and Sustainable ADR Practice*". Topics that will be covered at the IAM Conference include:

- Dealing with difficult participants
- Psychobiology of conflict
- "What to do if" strategies
- Advance interventions
- Ethics: roles vs. functions
- Cross-cultural considerations
- Strategies for caucuses vs. joint sessions
- Negotiating styles and methods
- Representing and supporting clients in mediation
- Creating your signature style as a mediator

Formation of an IAM Speaker's Group

Are you willing to speak to civic, professional, business or religious groups about mediation? If so, please contact Rick Wacker, who will be maintaining a list of IAM members willing to provide this service. It's hoped that this will not only promote the use of mediation, but that our members will gain name recognition and establish themselves as mediation professionals in their communities. It's FREE advertising for you - it WILL help build your practice - and you're providing a public service! Contact Rick Wacker for more information about this new opportunity!

Indiana Supreme Court Offering Free Mortgage Foreclosure Training

The Indiana Supreme Court, ICCLE, and Indiana Pro Bono Commission have partnered to offer civil mediators the opportunity to receive free training as mediators in residential mortgage foreclosures. The training includes a replay of a 3-hour foreclosure-based DVD, a free lunch, and then an additional 3-hour session of live mediator training. Participants completing the training will earn up to six hours of CLE and CME and one hour of Ethics credit. Mediators who complete the training earn the distinction of becoming an Indiana Registered Foreclosure mediator. Participating mediators will be asked to pledge pro bono mediation services for at least two residential mortgage foreclosure cases. More information, including the dates and locations of training classes can be found at the Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force website at www.in.gov/judiciary/home and on the "Workshops" page of this website.

About that Mediate.com E-Mail

Recently, Mediate.com has been circulating an offer to mediators to become "Mediate.com Certified Mediators". The IAM Board discussed this at their last meeting without coming to any definite conclusion, other than to note that this will provide the organization with a different revenue stream than they have previously had. Certification requires at least 100 hours of mediation training and 500 hours of mediation case experience. Certified mediators must specifically designate the areas of their mediation experience including how many cases in each specific practice area have been done. Finally, at least 12 hours of CME training per year are required to retain the designation. The cost of the certification review is \$150 and the renewal fee is \$50/year after certification. For more complete information, visit the Mediate.com website.

Legislative Update

Due to the Special Session of the Indiana Legislature that is due to convene this week, a final review of mediation legislation is being deferred until after the end of the Special Session. Information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Proposed ADR Rule Changes & Child Support Guidelines

Comments reflecting views of our members were submitted to the Committee on Rules and Practice and to the Supreme Court by Mary Hoeller, IAM President. Thanks to those members who took time to review the Proposals and submit comments. Your voices have been heard!

Have a funny mediation story? Want to share an announcement about your practice, speaking engagement, a good book on mediation or other item of interest? Have you run into a situation you weren't sure how to handle? Your item can be distributed to the membership and insights shared! Contact Rick Wacker at rawacker@iquest.net.

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