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FORTY-HOUR TRAINING



Seventeen people participated in this year's forty-hour training. Seven are attorneys who will incorporate mediation into their private practices. Juli Wallin is the Court Administrator of the 57th Circuit Court in Petoskey. Roger Postmus serves on the Board of Directors of NCM. Christina Esch, Lynn Dinning, Wayne Tri, Mary Horan, Kendal Taylor, Mark Hess, Suzie Engle, and Christine Wacholz are soon to be new members of the NCM mediation team.

As always, Kathy Lame and Steve Tresidder did a great job as the trainers. A special thanks also goes to staff members Bert Rousseau and Cheryl Bauman for their help in making this year's forty-hour training successful. Additionally, without the assistance of mediators Jon Bautel, Karen Cole, Ron Moore, and Connie Saltonstall as well as attorneys Tim Arner, Jim Erhart, George Lewis, Jane Gootee Nelson and Joel Wurster, the role plays would not have been as effective.

CREATIVE PUNS

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

CONGRATULATIONS

On April 7, mediator Gary Barfknecht and his wife Ann became proud grandparents of Rose Laurianna Drake. Her middle name is a combination of both of her grandmothers' first names.

REMINDER

As you are all aware, there is a Consent to Mediate form that is read prior to beginning the actual mediation. It is important that everyone in the room sign this form, including observers.

As the warmer weather is approaching, we will all tend to dress a little more casually than we do in the winter. Just keep in mind that blue jeans and short shorts are inappropriate to wear to mediation.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

The Mediator Roundtable scheduled for Thursday, May 28 has been changed to Wednesday, May 27 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. We apologize if this causes anyone an inconvenience.

The Mediator Roundtable provides an opportunity for the mediators to get together on a casual basis. The roundtable is divided into two parts. We will begin with a pre-arranged topic, and then spend the second half of the meeting discussing issues of particular concern to the mediators.

The pre-arranged topic of the upcoming roundtable will be a review of the court-ordered process in circuit court.

If you plan to attend, contact NCM at 231.487.1771.

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