



Northern Community Mediation

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OFFICIAL TREE DECORATORS



POINTERS FOR GOOD MEDIATION

- For purposes of confidentiality, please remember to delete from the computer any agreements or any other documents relating to a case.
- Remember to make a full opening statement.
- Have the consent form signed after reviewing it with the participants.
- Confine debriefing and discussion about cases in general to the mediation room with door closed.
- Make use of small talk, such as sports or the weather, when waiting for participants to arrive.
- Be conscious that you do not give the impression that the mediation has begun prior to everyone's arrival.
- As the mediator, consider remaining standing until all parties are seated at the table.
- When attorneys are not at the table, allow the parties involved to take a copy of a tentative agreement to their attorneys for review.

CONDOLENCES

To Dick Hendrian on the death of his nephew from the H1N1 virus.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

December 15	Holiday Party
January 14	Annual Meeting
January 15	General Civil Law Training
January 26	Child Protection Roundtable
February 16	Mediator Roundtable
March 12	Child Protection Training
April 21, 22, 23 28, 29, 30	Forty Hour Training
May 11	Mediator Roundtable
September 10	Advanced Mediator Training
September 14	Divorce Training
September 28	Divorce Training
October 12	Divorce Training
October 26	Divorce Training
November 9	Mediator Roundtable
December 14	Holiday Party

The Board of Directors meets at noon the second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The Executive Committee meets in the alternate months.

You will find details of the above events on the NCM website www.northernmediation.org.

GENERAL LAW TRAINING

NCM will offer the Six-Hour, General-Law Training for Non-Attorneys from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, January 15. Steve Tresidder will facilitate this SCAO-approved course. Lunch will be provided. Details and registration information is available on the NCM website www.northernmediation.org.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE

When you have documents that need to be shredded, please put them in the manila envelope labeled "Shred" that you will find in your packets. The staff will be glad to take care of that for you.