



Northern Community Mediation

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AND THE WINNERS ARE



At the holiday party in December, the annual awards were presented. Three of the recipients of those awards are pictured above. Pictured from left to right, the Honorable Fred Mulhauser received the Advocate of the Year Award, Deb Eklund Rookie Mediator of the Year, and Bruce Herbert the Leah Award. The Leah Award is given to an individual who has over the years been supportive of Northern Community Mediation and the mediation process. Not pictured is Ron Moore, who received Veteran Mediator of the Year.

A FEW REMINDERS

Please, remember the following:

- Turn off your cell phone before going into mediation.
- Arrive 15 to 30 minutes before a scheduled mediation.
- Greet the participants as they arrive.
- If you are doing an evening mediation, turn off the lights and lock the front door when you leave.

Thank you.

NEW PRINTER

The printer in the large mediation room has been a challenge to say the least. Therefore, you will be glad to know that a new printer is on its way. Not only is it a printer, it also is a copier, which means that you will be able to print the agreements, have the parties sign that one agreement, and then make copies for everyone. The wonders of technology!

GO TO www.northernmediation.org

IMPRESSIVE

Based upon a peer group rating to determine the most talented and ethical attorneys in northern Michigan, two attorneys affiliated with NCM were recognized in Traverse Magazine as being on the A List. Not only is our board president Steve Tresidder a top notch president and mediator, he is also a top notch attorney. Mediator George Lewis, who specializes in child-protection mediation, made the A List as well. Now, that is impressive!

Did you know that mediator Hugh Conklin and his wife Susan once owned the *Charlevoix County Press*? When they bought the newspaper in 1994, they changed the name to *The Citizen*. In 1997, they purchased the *East Jordan Journal*, and then in 1999, they sold both newspapers to 21st Century Newspapers.

UPDATE TRAINING

Presently, there are 32 people registered for the advanced mediator, update training scheduled for Friday, February 27. If you have not registered and would like to participate, do so as soon as possible. The registration form is available on our website www.northernmediation.org. Although the workshop was to have been limited to 30 participants, we will go as high as 35. If you mediate for NCM, there is no charge for this training.

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

NCM will offer the SCAO-approved, general civil, forty-hour training, which meets the 2.411 requirements, in April.

Wednesday, April 22	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 23	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, April 24	8:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday, April 29	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday, April 30	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, May 1	8:00am – 5:00pm

The sessions will take place at the Charlevoix City Hall. Registration forms will be available online the middle of February or by calling the NCM office.

VORP TRAINING

On Tuesday, March 24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, NCM will offer training for the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program. If you are interested in mediating these types of cases, this training is for you. Registration forms will be available on line at www.northernmediation.org on February 9. Feel free to call the office for further information.