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THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW



With as small a budget as Northern Community Mediation has, an annual financial review is still required. Pictured above is Vel Kammermann laboring over bank statements and all other types of documents. NCM can pride itself in the fact that every year, it has received laudable reports. Vel (and yes it is Vel, not Val) is a partner in Mason & Kammermann, located in Charlevoix.

ADVANCED TRAINING

On Tuesday, October 11, mediator and attorney Steve Tresidder will facilitate an eight-hour, advanced training at the Perry Hotel. The title of the session is “Mediating Monetary Claims and Damages.” With today’s economy, all of you are highly aware of some of the unusual issues that arise at the mediation table. If you are a mediator for NCM, there is no charge; however, there is a \$42.00 book that you need to purchase. For more information, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-83/>

Presently, there are 16 people signed up for the training. Six are private, attorney mediators, three are private, attorney mediators who mediate for NCM, and seven are CDRP mediators for NCM. This is definitely a good mix of expertise and experience.

AUSTRALIAN MOVIE

Attorney and mediator Lee Hornberger had the opportunity to see the 2011 Australian movie “Face to Face” at the Traverse City Film Festival. The drama depicts a type of victim offender mediation that is used in Australia. Unfortunately, it is not yet available in the States. If anyone comes across it, let me know. Perhaps, we could have a special showing—even serve popcorn.

THIS IS IMPRESSIVE

The ADR Council of the State Bar of Michigan recently took action to nominate our very own Steve Tresidder for a three-year term to the ADR Council. This is pending confirmation via election at the annual meeting of the ADR Section scheduled to take place September 23 and 14 in Grand Rapids. What an honor for Steve to be nominated by the Council itself. Assuming his election, Steve would represent approximately 40 counties in northern Michigan.

A BIG THANK YOU

Recently, mediator Bruce Herbert and his wife Joyce donated four pieces of art to hang on the walls in our office. Not only did they donate these pictures, previously they had given five other wall hangings. To top everything off, Bruce rearranged the art and hung all of it for us. Thank you, Bruce and Joyce.

MACM CONFERENCE

On September 12 – 14, the Michigan Association of Court Mediators is holding its annual conference at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville. From 9:00am to noon on Wednesday, September 14, Intake Coordinator Bert Rousseau is serving on a three-person panel to facilitate discussion about defining and clarifying best practices and options for problem areas in relationship to cases that may involve domestic violence. Each panelist is focusing on a specific issue: domestic violence assessments, parenting time plans, and screening for domestic violence, which is the area of Bert’s expertise.

If you are interested in attending the conference, you can get more information by going to <http://www.macm.cc/>. Participation in the conference does qualify for advanced mediator training.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

Due to the fact that the MACM Conference is September 12-14, the Mediator Roundtable originally scheduled for Tuesday September 13 is being re-scheduled to Wednesday, September 28 at 4:00. The topics to be discussed are as follows:

- The domestic standards and the general mediation standards are being combined into one document.
- New confidentiality standards are being introduced.
- The process for mediators if subpoenaed is changing.
- Requirements relating to advanced training and number of hours of mediation in order to stay on the court roster are being upgraded.