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Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) held its annual conference at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City on October 12 – 13, 2018. As part of the conference, four awards were presented at the Friday evening banquet: Hero of ADR, George N. Bashara, Distinguished Service, and Nanci S. Klein. The Nanci S. Klein Award recognizes an individual, program or entity for exemplary programs, initiatives and leadership in the field of community dispute resolution. The 2018 recipient of this award went to Jane Millar, Executive Director of Northern Community Mediation.

Lee Hornberger, attorney and chairperson of the ADR Section of the SBM, stated, "Under Dr. Millar's leadership, Northern Community Mediation gives individuals an opportunity to resolve their differences through mediation rather than going to court....Its mission is to help people meaningfully resolve conflicts in Charlevoix and Emmet counties." Additionally, he listed accomplishments of the organization, as well as mentioned Millar's credentials.

In her acceptance of the honor, Millar shared that she was "fortunate enough to have known Nanci Klein" and that Nanci had been a role model for her. Millar added that "receiving this award is exciting, thrilling, makes-me-feel good, but oh so humbling. The reality is that no one person receives such a recognition on his or her own. It is the Northern Community Mediation team that I work with that has made this recognition possible." She then gave specific accolades to Case Managers Karen Cole and Caroline Smith, NCM's 55 volunteer mediators and its remarkable board.

Millar ended with "And, so, I say thank you to all of you for this honor. Equally, if not more importantly, I say thank you to the Northern Community Mediation team.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate the process so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured: Jane Millar

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