

OUR NEW CASE MANAGER



Case Manager Kurt Grangood

On August 28, Kurt Grangood joined our NCM team, and Laura and I are delighted. Kurt has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan and a Master's in Education in Leadership from Ferris State. He has extensive experience as a teacher, principal and superintendent. In those capacities, he was able to implement programs to reduce tardiness and to integrate restorative justice principles into the school setting. In his application cover letter, Kurt stated, "I have cooperatively constructed safe learning environments and built responsible relationships with students, parents, teachers and other community members."

With this background and perspective, Kurt will be a true asset for Northern Community Mediation. As positive fate would have it, he has been able to take the 40-hour, general civil training the first two weeks of his employment. He will definitely be handling cases that involve students, such as School Attendance, Child Protection and Victim-Offender. Additionally, he will be responsible for small claims and general civil.

WHAT A GUY!

Lee Hornberger, who is an avid supporter of NCM, has been selected to the 2023 Michigan Super Lawyers list in the primary practice area of alternative dispute resolution. Each year, no more than five percent of the lawyers in the state are selected to receive this honor. Congratulations, Lee.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst." ~ Aristotle

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

The plans for the advanced mediator training for this fall have changed somewhat. The focus will be "The Court System for Non-Attorneys." There will be seven separate sessions. All seven will be offered via Zoom. Scheduled so far are the following:

- The Michigan Court System on Thursday, October 12 from 9:00am to 10:30am. Judge Joe Hayes will be the presenter. This will be the first in the series.
- Circuit Court on Thursday, October 19 from 9:00am to 10:30am. Judge Jenny Deegan will preside.
- Friend of the Court on Friday, October 20 from 9:00am to 10:30am. Amanda Guarisco and Kristen Herriman will be the facilitators.
- Probate Court on Friday, October 27 from 9:00 to 10:30 with Judge Valerie Snyder, Tim Smith & Matt Miller
- Tribal Court on Friday, November 3 from 9:00 to 10:00 with Judge JoAnne Cook
- District Court on Friday, November 17 from 9:00 to 10:30 with Judge Angela Lasher and Wendy Viles

Yet to be scheduled are the following:

- The Federal Court System. The presenter is yet to be determined.

As the other sessions are scheduled, all mediators and board members will be notified. Participants will be able to take part in all or only some of the sessions. The registration form is available on the NCM website at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>. Registration will be open exclusively to NCM mediators through Thursday, September 21. After that, registration will be open to staff and mediators from other CDRP centers. There will be a \$5.00 charge per session.

IT SURE WOULD BE NICE

Ask and ye shall receive." Mediator Connie Saltonstall just happened to have a TV sitting in her pole barn just waiting for a new home. And, we had a second person contact us. Thanks to Dick Arlen, we even had a second offer. And, Bill Cattin got all the "stuff" needed and then hooked up the TV to the laptop. So, a big thank you to Connie, Dick and Bill. Now, participants at in-person mediation will be able to see on the TV what is being drafted as the agreement is being written.

USELESS INTERESTING FACT

The Supreme Court is currently composed of nine Justices, but that but that has not always been the case. *The Judiciary Act of 1789 set the number of Justices at six*, but that number has been set as high as ten in times past. In 1937, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt pushed Congress to increase the number to 15, but Congress declined to do so.