

CHARLEVOIX THEATRE PARTY



We are back, and the prices are the same! \$35 per ticket or 2 tickets for \$65. Ticket includes heavy appetizers at JAX, ticket to see a movie at the Charlevoix Cinema, potential to win a door prizes valued at \$150 and lots more. Cash bar will be available.

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FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a mediator, share with them the fact that there are two opportunities in the fall. The first is through the Southeastern Dispute Resolution Services center and is being offered between October 22 and November 1. The second session is being sponsored by the Oakland Mediation Center in November. Both will be via Zoom. For the details and registration, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website. You can also access the information by going to “Events” in the menu and then dropping down to “Workshop and Trainings.”

ILLUSTRIOUS MEDIATOR & ARBITRATOR

Lee Hornberger has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2025*. Hip, Hip Hooray for Lee!

USELESS-FACT

Disney turned down “Back to the Future” due to the uncomfortable dynamic between Marty and his mother.

TRIBAL COURT WORKSHOP

Set aside 9:00am to 11:30am on Wednesday, November 6 for the Tribal Court Workshop. Those of you who participated in the workshop at tribal headquarters in Harbor Springs, which focused on the history, governmental structure, language and culture of the tribe, know what an outstanding and informative that session was. The focus of this upcoming session will cover the mission, power, structure and jurisdiction of the Tribal Court. The interrelationship between the Tribal Court and the Michigan court system will also be highlighted. Chief Judge JoAnne Cook will be the facilitator. Registration is available at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website.

MEDIATORS AND REPORTERS

In writing mediation agreements, a helpful tool to use is the guide used by reporters: remember that the document answers the basic questions who, what, when, where, how and sometimes why. **Who** is going to do **what**? **When** will it be done? **Where** and **how** will it be done? And, sometimes it helps to include the **why** for clarification purposes and rationale of the agreement. Often when the agreements do not answer these basic questions, the agreements are not enforceable.

TOP THIS

Mediators Susan Hannah and Bill Cattin had to have set a record. A recent case that they mediated involved an estate with four disputants and two attorneys. The first session lasted 3 ½ hours, and the second session was 5 ½ hours long. Although they did get an agreement, they both agreed that if there were a third session, they would be sick that day.

ANOTHER REMINDER

For those of you who do Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program cases, restitution can be a tricky thing. It is important to remember that only actual out-of-pocket expenses can be discussed. In VORP cases, there can be no intangible restitution, such as “pain-and-suffering.” To get pain-and-suffering restitution, the victim has to file in civil court.

SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION

A successful mediation does not necessarily have to end with an agreement. Do not underestimate the importance of a partial agreement. And, even if there is no agreement, if the parties have at least communicated with one another, a mediator can pat himself/herself on the back.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“I just love. I love. I love movies.” ~ Laura Dern