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The Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter
State of Hawaii, Judiciary

Conflict Resolution Day

Today, October 16, 2014, has been proclaimed Conflict Resolution Day by the State of Hawaii, and the City and County of Honolulu.



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Picture of City and County of Honolulu, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, proclaiming October 16, 2014 as Conflict Resolution Day. **(Pictured L-R:** Lisa Jacobs (Board Member, Association of Conflict Resolution (“ACR”) Hawaii), Gen. Frances I. Mossman (Ret.) (Board Member, ACR Hawaii), Andrew C. Hipp (Director, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution), Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Anne Smoke (Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict; President-Elect, ACR Hawaii), Tracey Wiltgen (Executive Director, The Mediation Center of the Pacific), and the Hon. Diana Warrington (ret.) (Board Member, ACR Hawaii)).

Since 2005, the third Thursday in October has been celebrated as Conflict Resolution Day.¹ On this day alternative dispute resolution organizations, universities, schools, etc., join together to recognize the importance of conflict resolution.² Conflict is something that all of us must face during our lives. Conflict resolution comes in many forms such as traditional methods like negotiation or decisions of a court, i.e. liable or not liable, guilty or not guilty, or through various forms of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) such as mediation, arbitration, conciliation, etc. Although each form of dispute resolution has a particular aspect which lends it to being the appropriate method for each



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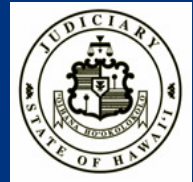
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dispute, it is mediation, arbitration, conciliation, and such, which Conflict Resolution Day is intended to highlight.³ Through mediation, conciliation, and facilitation, parties in a dispute are provided the opportunity to craft resolutions that best meet their needs, repair relationships, and develop ways of communicating to avoid future conflict. Since 1989, the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (“Center”) has been an integral part of the efforts to provide ADR education, research, outreach and services, to the people of Hawaii. Much of the Center’s work, however, is only possible through the incredible graciousness of our many volunteers.

THE APPELLATE MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Program provides appellate court-users the opportunity to mediate their case before continuing litigation in the courts of appeals. The Program utilizes the services of trained volunteer mediators who give their time and expertise to support the Program. There are currently 49 volunteer mediators who are retired justices or judges and retired or semi-retired attorneys appointed by the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court. Using their expertise they have resolved over 50% of the approximately 600 cases that have gone through the Program since its inception in 1995. Their commitment to our community and the Judiciary is significant, and they are the core of the Program. Thus, the Center would like to thank the following volunteer mediators for their continued service:

<i>Judge Riki May Amano (ret.)</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kent</i>	<i>Justice Mario Ramil (ret.)</i>
<i>Judge Joel August (ret.)</i>	<i>Joseph Kiefer</i>	<i>Carleton Reid</i>
<i>Daniel Bent</i>	<i>Justice Robert Klein (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Eric Romanchak (ret.)</i>
<i>Judge Karen Blondin (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Evelyn Lance (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Frank Rothschild</i>
<i>Addison Bowman</i>	<i>Rosalyn Loomis</i>	<i>Judge Nancy Ryan</i>
<i>William Burgess</i>	<i>Ivan Lui Kwan</i>	<i>Judge Sandra Simms (ret.)</i>
<i>Robin Campaniano</i>	<i>Judge Victoria Marks (ret.)</i>	<i>Tom Sitriling</i>
<i>John Campbell, Jr.</i>	<i>Judge Douglas McNish (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Allene Suemori (ret.)</i>
<i>Louis Chang</i>	<i>Judge Marie Milks (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Michael Town (ret.)</i>
<i>Justice James Duffy (ret.)</i>	<i>Chief Justice Ronald Moon</i>	<i>Ted Tsukiyama</i>
<i>Diane Hastert</i>	<i>(ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Diana Warrington</i>
<i>Judge Eden Hifo (ret.)</i>	<i>Frances Mossman</i>	<i>(ret.)</i>
<i>Kenneth Hipp</i>	<i>Judge Calvin Murashige (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Corinne Watanabe</i>
<i>Judge Colleen Hirai (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Gail Nakatani (ret.)</i>	<i>(ret.)</i>
<i>James Hoenig</i>	<i>Patricia Kim Park</i>	<i>Judge Andrew Wilson</i>
<i>Charles Hurd</i>	<i>Judge Matthew Pyun (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge David Woo, Jr.</i>
<i>Judge Walter Ikeda (ret.)</i>	<i>Judge Shakley Raffetto (ret.)</i>	<i>Donna Woo</i>
		<i>Judge Patrick Yim (ret.)</i>



PEER MEDIATION: Present and Future Conflict Resolvers



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The Center would also like to acknowledge the next generation of conflict resolvers—Peer Mediators. It is encouraging to know that the next generation of mediators are honing their skills and knowledge in school Peer Mediation Programs throughout the state. Whether they chose to go on to follow a career in conflict resolution or simply use the skills they learn in their everyday lives, peer mediators learn ways to handle difficult situations, communicate effectively, discover interests, and resolve problems. They are the essence of what Conflict Resolution Day is all about, finding peace through conflict resolution.

In order to help highlight the importance of peer mediation, the Center asked a few peer mediators to write a poem about the impact of peer mediation. Although every poem showed the incredible impact and importance peer mediation has on both participants and peer mediators, the Center could only choose one winner. So it is with great pleasure that we present the winning entry written by Jordan Villarreal from Leilehua High School entitled:

The Faces

The happy

The sad

The confident

All the faces that walk into peer mediation

The frustrated

The confused

The angry

*Each knowing there will be no judging
And their voices listened to with open hearts*

The proud

The awed

The emotional

*A voice for all and one
With one common goal in mind
To resolve the conflict in hand*

The thoughtful

The hurt

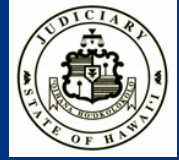
The beautiful

All the faces that walk into peer mediation

You are not alone

Thank you for reading and we wish you all a peaceful Conflict Resolution Day.

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