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MCP CELEBRATES MEDIATION WEEK & CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY



To celebrate Mediation Week, October 13th through the 17th, and Conflict Resolution Day, October 16th, MCP joined forces with the Association for Conflict Resolution Hawaii, the Dispute Resolution Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, KEO Mediation Center, Ku`ikahi Mediation Center, Maui Mediation Services, the University of Hawaii's Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution and West Hawaii Mediation Center, to coordinate a variety of activities.

To kick off the celebration, Governor Neil Abercrombie and

Mayor Kirk Caldwell issued proclamations declaring October 16th Conflict Resolution Day and reinforcing the value of using dispute resolution processes to prevent and resolve conflict. A series of workshops and presentations were coordinated throughout the week including: an Intervention Practitioners Talk Story, a Joint Fact Finding Workshop Conducted by Peter Adler and MCP's first webinar conducted by Kirsten Rosa from MCP's Michael Nauyokas Room. The activities provided the opportunity for practitioners new and experienced to come together to share ideas, learn new approaches and sharpen skills. Thanks to the excellent collaborative relationship among Hawaii's Dispute Resolution Community, Mediation Week and Conflict Resolution Day were both great successes!

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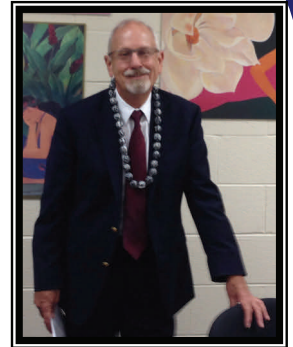
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***Bringing people together to talk,
rebuild relationships and
resolve conflict creatively.***

Accelerated Divorce Mediation



To support MCP's growing divorce mediation program, in August MCP conducted another twenty-four hour Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training for nine Family Law attorneys who agreed to serve as volunteer mediators for divorce and paternity mediations. To set the stage for the training, Family Law Attorney Bill Darrah presented his "Best Practices in Mediation" for the participants. Attorney Charlene Anaya, Director of the Kid's First Program for Family Court, presented the "Developing Co-Parenting Plans" portion of the training. MCP is grateful to Bill and Charlene for taking time from their busy schedules to share their expertise.



Technology Tools for Conflict Resolution Professionals

Thanks to Kirsten Rosa, a facilitator currently completing her Masters Certificate at the University of Hawaii's Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, on October 14, MCP hosted its first webinar in the Michael Nauyokas room. Seven people from MCP, the University of Hawaii and the Association for Conflict Resolution Hawaii participated at MCP and twenty-one more people participated virtually from their homes and offices.

Kirsten provided an overview and interactive demonstration of a number of useful online tools and apps that can be incorporated into mediation and other dispute resolution processes. MCP is grateful to Kirsten for sharing her expertise and introducing us to these exciting new tools! Thanks to Kirsten leading the way, the vision for the Michael Nauyokas Innovation and Excellence in Mediation Fund has now been taken to the next level.

In addition to conducting mediations with the video conference equipment in the Michael Nauyokas Room, MCP is now able to include mediators in workshops even when they can't attend in person!



Joint Fact Finding

On the final day of Mediation Week, Dr. Peter Adler, an expert in multi-party negotiations and problem solving (and the first Executive Director of the Neighborhood Justice Center), introduced MCP mediators and facilitators to the Joint Fact Finding (JFF) process. JFF is a process that decision makers on different sides of a dispute can use to prevent, manage or resolve controversies. Using a carefully designed small working group representing a

range of stakeholders, JFF helps identify some of the key questions that are at the heart of a controversy and develops areas of factual agreement that all parties can respect. JFF can then enable them to better develop optional solutions to the controversy that are grounded in useful factual information. The mediators and facilitators were excited to learn about this new process from a true master!



Back by Popular Demand...

Professor John Barkai and Myers-Briggs for Mediators

One of MCP's founders and long-time supporters, Professor John Barkai from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law, conducted a fast-paced, entertaining workshop for a packed room of mediators on November 6th. Using the Myers-Briggs psychological types as the foundation for his presentation, Professor Barkai provided a menu of tools and approaches that mediators may apply to make challenging mediations more productive. Everyone who participated in the workshop agreed that Professor Barkai provided them with a lot of valuable tips to assist them as mediators, as well as to incorporate into their personal lives!



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Divorce Law in Hawaii Day



August 28th was proclaimed Divorce Law in Hawaii Day by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, in recognition of the Divorce Law in Hawaii public education program created by Attorney Bill Darrah in January 2002. Thanks to Bill's commitment to assist individuals going through the divorce process, the Divorce Law in Hawaii program has been presented to the public during the lunch hour on a regular monthly basis since its inception, with the exception of two months. Beginning in March 2011, Bill has included MCP as part of the Program to reinforce the value of mediation, particularly for divorcing couples. August 28th marked the 150th presentation of this very valuable educational resource. Congratulations Bill!

Katie Bennett Recognized for Outstanding Pro Bono Service

On October 23rd, MCP mediator Katie Bennett was recognized at the Access to Justice Commission's Annual Pro Bono Celebration. An attorney, lecturer at the University of Hawaii and mother of three lively young children, Katie never hesitates to say "yes" to serving as a mediator. She regularly mediates complex family law matters at the office of the Mediation Center, as well as mediates paternity cases on-site at Family Court in Kapolei. Congratulations Katie and mahalo for all of your great work!



Accelerated Condominium Mediation Training



In August, mediator/arbitrator Lou Chang conducted an excellent two-day Accelerated Condominium Mediation Training for ten condominium attorneys and mediators. The curriculum included guest presenters mediator Jim Hoenig who introduced the participants to

evaluative mediation skills and attorney/mediator Phil Nerney who shared his expertise and tips for mediating challenging condominium mediations. The class attendees gave the training great reviews and all are now serving as volunteer mediators for condominium/homeowner association mediations scheduled at MCP. We are grateful to Lou Chang for conducting an excellent training!

The September Basic Mediation Training Was A Sellout!

Sixteen enthusiastic participants completed the Fall 2014 Basic Mediation Training. MCP is grateful to all of the mediators who shared their expertise and helped to make the training a success!



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2014 - 2015 TRAININGS & EVENTS

Volunteer Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon

Thursday December 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Difficult People in Domestic Mediations

Monday December 8, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A workshop on high emotions, dealing with difficult people, and other challenges in domestic mediations.

Intervention Practitioner Talk Story

Thursday January 22, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

An informal gathering for conflict resolution professionals to talk story, share ideas and learn from each other. Co-sponsored by the MCP, ACR Hawaii, ADR Section of HSBA and U.H. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

MCP Town Hall

Thursday January 29, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

An overview of MCP program and trainings, and the new technology, practices and protocols implemented by MCP at the start of 2015.

Basic Mediation

Friday February 20, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday February 21, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday February 27, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday February 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A twenty-five hour training that provides an introduction to a facilitative model of mediation including the core skills of effective listening, remaining impartial, interest identification, negotiation, agreement writing, ethical considerations and overcoming impasse. This training is a prerequisite for most other mediation trainings.

Cost: \$575

Advanced Mediation

Friday March 6, Saturday March 7 & Sunday March 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

A twenty-three hour training that builds on core skills to provide additional tools for evaluating and negotiating, working with cultural diversity, attorneys and multiple parties, accommodating persons with disabilities and managing challenges.

Cost: \$575

Under the Mediation Moon

Saturday May 2, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Annual fundraiser to support the work of the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training

Friday May 29, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday May 30, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday June 5, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday June 6, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A twenty-five hour training designed for individuals who have not received any prior mediation training and who have substantive knowledge of the Hawai'i divorce process and laws. The training provides the participants with basic mediation skills and a customized mediation model to assist divorcing couples talk through and negotiate agreements on the key issues necessary to finalize their divorce.

Cost: \$575

Contact Nathan@mediatehawaii.org to register or for more information