

ADOPT-A-COURT

The Mediation Center of the Pacific (Mediation Center) has initiated a new program, **Adopt-A-Court**, to assist people involved in Small Claims matters at District Court in negotiating creative settlements.

Steve Holmberg, Chair of the Program, encourages businesses to “adopt” one of the five court houses located throughout Oahu. By “adopting” a court, the business commits three to four members of its management team to alternately volunteer one day each week at court, to mediate small claims and landlord/tenant matters.

The mediation process **helps hundreds of people to quickly, efficiently and creatively, resolve their disputes**, eliminating the need to appear before a judge. Mediation participants report a high level of satisfaction because the process allows them to be “heard” and enables them to craft customized agreements that work for their unique situation.



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The Mediation Center is a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation that was founded in 1979 to provide Hawaii's people with peaceful approaches to working through conflict. Over the years, the Mediation Center has developed programs and processes that meet the unique needs of Hawaii's culturally diverse populations. Guided by its mission of providing high quality mediation and dispute resolution services that are accessible and affordable, the Mediation Center today serves more than 5,000 people annually.

To become a Partner with the **Adopt-A-Court** Program, call or email Steve Holmberg at: 356-8231 or steveh@islandergroup.com



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Why Become a Partner in the Adopt-A-Court Program

- ▣ Serving as a volunteer mediator at court, provides a huge service to the community - mediation increases access to justice for the parties involved and reduces the court backlog, allowing judges to spend more time to hear and rule on more complex matters.
- ▣ Managers who participate in the Program learn and sharpen their mediation and negotiation skills that they will apply in the workplace as well as when they volunteer for the Program.
- ▣ All Business Partners will be recognized in the Mediation Center's Annual Report, Center Letters, at the Annual Fundraiser and the Annual Recognition and Holiday Gathering.

How the Program Works

A business interested in becoming a partner in the **Adopt-A-Court** Program will be asked to:

- ▣ Identify the courthouse that they are willing to adopt - Honolulu; Ewa; Kapolei; Wahiawa; or Kaneohe.
- ▣ Designate three to four members of their management team to participate in a two-day mediation training conducted at the Mediation Center and then alternately volunteer as Court Mediators one morning or afternoon each week.
- ▣ Commit to participating in the Program for a minimum of eighteen months.

About the Training

- ▣ The Mediation Center will conduct an interactive two-day mediation training to provide the managers volunteering as mediators, with a comprehensive understanding of the mediation process, skills and tools for mediating the court cases.
- ▣ Following the training, one-on-one mentoring will be provided by experienced court mediators.
- ▣ Mentoring will include a mediation demonstration by the experienced mediator, co-mediations, and observations of the manager mediating followed by feedback from the mentor.

“Neighbors helping neighbors to build a stronger community”

~ Steve Holmberg

