

The Courthouse Steps

A NEWSLETTER FOR NEUTRALS WHO SERVE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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To preserve the rule of law and to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the US and NH Constitutions, the Court will provide accessible, prompt, and efficient forums for the fair and independent administration of justice, with respect for the dignity of all we serve

Goals for the New Year

Happy New Year mediators and neutrals! I hope that this will be a good year. Because the COVID-19 situation is still in flux, the goal for this year will be to be responsive to whatever the future holds, and to continue to refine the current practices in place.

Reminder: Mileage Logs – Divorce/Parenting Mediators

As per Supreme Court Rule 48-B (7), a divorce/parenting mediator may have their mileage reimbursed for the first mediation session of a case. You must submit your mileage log *within 45 days* of the first mediation session. Please submit mileage reimbursement requests to the Office of Mediation and Arbitration.

Small Claims/Civil Restart January 2022

All Circuit Courts are set to start processing their small claims and civil cases starting in 2022. The staff in the courts you are assigned to should be reaching out with their pre-trial and structuring conference schedules for this year. Please let them know your availability next year and whether the pre-trials will be held in-person or remotely. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Same Day Landlord-Tenant Mediation in Manchester and Nashua

This week will be the start of our expansion of post-filing landlord-tenant mediation from Concord into Manchester and Nashua. Parties who have a landlord-tenant hearing scheduled in either Manchester or Nashua will have mediation, rental assistance, and legal assistance available to them as services to use prior to their hearing on the merits.

Rule 32 Mediator Training Requirement Reminder

Thank you to those who have submitted your documentation already. Please note that documentation of the annual eight hour refresher training requirement to maintain eligibility for 2022 is due for Superior Court neutrals.

Non-Judicial Branch Training

Parent Alienation

January 14, 2022 at 12pm (noon)

Register at mary@marysargentmediation.com