

# 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*

### **Divorce/Parenting Mediators: Grant Contracts**

If you have not done so already, please fill out, sign, and mail the access and visitation grant contract that was sent out by Patty Cole on October 19, 2021. Thank you to those who have already sent in their signed contracts.

### **Eviction Diversion Program Launched**

The Office is accepting requests by landlords and/or tenants for mediation through its pre-filing eviction diversion program. By targeting parties upstream of the court process, the Office will provide to provide a free mediation resource to landlords and tenants to help them settle their dispute and avoid litigation all together. Landlords and tenants are now able to contact the ADR Office to request mediation and the ADR Office will obtain consent from the people involved. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

### **Rule 32 Mediator Training Requirement Reminder**

This is a gentle reminder to Superior Court neutrals that you have two months to complete the eight hour annual refresher training requirement to maintain eligibility for 2022. See Rule 32(4)(b) for more information.

### **Feedback for the Office**

We want to hear from you about what the ADR office needs to improve. Please take a few minutes to fill out this five question feedback survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3Q5WQG>

Thank you to those who have done so already!

Margaret and Patty

### **Judicial Branch Training**

#### **NH Bar Dispute Resolution Section invites the Office of Mediation and Arbitration – Annual Update**

*November 3, 4:30pm-5pm*

The Office of Mediation and Arbitration will provide an update of the past year. This session may meet the requirements of NH Supreme Court Rule 53 and may qualify towards the annual NHMCLE requirement.