

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

Patty Cole's Last Day

Patty Cole has accepted a new position starting tomorrow, December 2, 2022 as the Circuit Court Navigator Service Coordinator within the New Hampshire Judicial Branch. You may continue to receive emails from Patty regarding mediation after December 2, 2022 until we can find someone else to take her former role.

Patty has been supporting the Office of Mediation and Arbitration for 11 years and has worked with four ADR Coordinators. Under her new role as Circuit Court Navigator Service Coordinator, she will be working to support Self-Represented Litigants across the state.

Please send any ADR program questions to Margaret at mhuang@courts.state.nh.us.

Invoices – 30 days to pay.

Just a reminder that the Judicial Branch has 30 days from the date of submission to pay any invoices that have been submitted. Thank you for your patience. After 30 days, feel free to email Margaret at mhuang@courts.state.nh.us to check on the status of payment.

Divorce/Parenting Mediators – S. Ct. Rule 48-B Focus Group

The ADR Office has drafted potential revisions to S. Ct. Rule 48-B that are designed to increase the mediation fee for divorce/parenting mediation and address the rescheduling issue. To solicit opinions from court-connected divorce/parenting mediators on the proposed language, we will be holding a focus group on **December 13 from 12-1pm via Webex**.

Please register here before 4:30pm on December 12:

<https://nhcourts.webex.com/weblink/register/r9fa808e2bfcbd762c517460e0ae9ce27>

Superior Court Rule 32 Neutrals – Recertification

Rule 32(4)(b) requires attorneys approved for the Superior Court roster of civil neutrals to complete and report annually eight (8) hours of refresher training. To remain on the court-approved neutrals list for the following year, per Rule 32(5)(c)(ii) please must submit documentation of the completed refresher training to the Office by January 1, 2023.

Please see Patty's email on 11/15/22 for more information.

Non-Judicial Branch Training

NHCRA Workshop – Ethics Legislation and Rule Changes

Workshop will explore the ethical implications of recent legislation: passed, amended and pending, on family mediation practices.

December 5, 2023 from 12pm-3:30pm

Register by emailing NHConflictResolution@gmail.com

Cost: \$90: NHCRA members, \$135: Non-members, \$135: 2023 NHCRA

Membership and Workshop fee