

The Courthouse Steps

A NEWSLETTER FOR NEUTRALS WHO SERVE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Divorce/Parenting Mediator Mileage Log

The 2022 mileage log was sent out by Patty Cole on 2/9/22. By Supreme Court Administrative Order, the new rate is 58.5 cents per mile, effective 1/1/22.

Preference Surveys

The Office is collecting court preferences for divorce/parenting mediators and small claims/civil mediators. We use the responses we receive to tailor requests for coverage and to target mediators when an opening for an additional mediator for a court is available.

Thank you to those who have already filled it out! We are missing responses from eight (8) divorce/parenting mediators and seven (7) small claims/civil mediators. Please use the links below to fill out the survey if you have not done so yet.

Please email mhuang@courts.state.nh.us if you are not sure if the office has received your response.

Divorce/Parenting Mediators

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2GRJYL>

Small Claims/Civil Mediators

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRXWCZK>

Legislation

Two pieces of proposed legislation in this year's legislative session may be of interest to mediators and neutrals.

SB 336 – Relative to Family Mediator Interns

This bill would establish the qualifications and appropriate instances of include of qualified family mediator interns in court-referred mediations.

SB 216 - Establishing a Commission to Study the Landlord and Tenant Mediation Program in Circuit Courts

This bill would establish a commission to study the landlord-tenant mediation program in the Circuit Court and report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate Clerk, House Clerk, the Governor, and the State Library.

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