

# 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*

## **Candia Circuit Court Cases to be Heard in Derry**

Per Administrative Order 2023-01, all hearings in cases filed in Candia Circuit Court, with the exception of criminal cases, shall be heard in Derry Circuit Court (10 Courthouse Lane, Derry, NH) starting February 17, 2023.

For more information, please see administrative order 2023-01 here:

<https://www.courts.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt471/files/documents/2023-02/administrativeordercircuitcourt-2023-01.pdf>

## **S. Ct. Rule 48-B Changes – Comment Period Open**

The ADR Office has submitted amendments to S. Ct. Rule 48-B to the Supreme Court. The NH Supreme Court has issued an order soliciting public comment on the suggested amendments:

<https://www.courts.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt471/files/documents/2023-02/2-16-23-order-soliciting-public-comment-to-suggested-amendments-to-circuit-court-e-filing-rules-and-supreme-court-rule-48-b.pdf>

## **Divorce/Parenting Mediation – Court-appointed or private?**

There have been times in which parties in a divorce-parenting case will request a specific court-contracted mediator.

- If the requested mediator is court-contracted and assigned to the court the case arose out of, the court will generally honor the request and issue a notice of appointment indicating as such.
- If the mediator is not court-contracted, the parties are free to go to mediation privately with that mediator.
- If the mediator is court-contracted but is not assigned to the court the case arose out of, the case is assumed to be private UNLESS the parties have requested that the court *appoint* the mediator AND the court has issued an order indicating that the motion has been approved and that a notice of appointment be issued.

## **LT Mediation – NHERAP Updates to Continue through March**

As of January 2023, there are no pending applications for the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program. However, New Hampshire Housing has requested that the docket be distributed through March so that the CAPs will be able to provide tenants and landlords with proof of payment when applicable.

## **Non-Judicial Branch Training**

### **NH Bar Association Domestic Violence CLE**

March 29, 9am-3:30pm

More information here:

<https://nhbar.inreachce.com/Details/Information/5ef73064-efbd-43c5-a85a-3c841785c4b8>

### **Local People, Local Change: Navigating Public Life in a Diverse Democracy**

NH Listens

March 29, 4-5pm; April 26, 4-5pm

15 Strafford Avenue, Durham NH

Register Here: [March 29](#) [April 26](#)