

# The Courthouse Steps

A NEWSLETTER FOR NEUTRALS WHO SERVE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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### Reminder for Circuit Court Mediators

Please send in your ADR Reports within **seven (7) days of mediation**. The court staff use this information to schedule the next event and if the ADR report is received within this time frame, the staff will no longer need to monitor the case. We understand that the outcome to a mediation may not be clear after seven days. In this case, please email the court staff letting them know how much additional time you think you will need.

### Case Manager-Family Mediator Summit

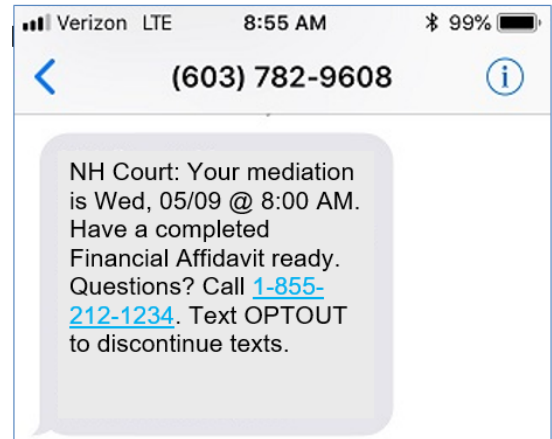
Please save the date! The annual Case Manager-Mediator Summit will be held on **September 16, 2022** from 9am-3pm. The summit will be held **in-person**. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Divorce/Parenting Mediation Text-Message Reminder Restart

Text message reminders for divorce/parenting mediation are back! This pilot program started back in May 2018 and was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each non-attorney party who has provided a cell phone number to the court will receive a message reminding them of the date and time of mediation, and prompting them to have a completed financial affidavit ready for mediation. The text will also include the Court Information Center phone number and a way to opt out of future reminders. The text will be sent three times: seven days before mediation, three days before mediation and one day before mediation.

The goal of the program was to reduce failure to appear rates and between 2017 and 2019, failure to appear rate in divorce parenting mediation declined 41%. Text message reminders for divorce/parenting mediation will resume on **May 2, 2022**.

Contact Margaret Huang with any NHJB mediation based questions at [MHuang@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:MHuang@courts.state.nh.us)



*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*

### ADR Office Summer Intern – Tyler Knutson

Joining the office for the summer is Tyler Knutson, a second year law student at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Tyler is pursuing a certificate in Conflict Resolution Theory and Practice from the Dispute Resolution Institute. Tyler has taken classes in Negotiation, Theories of Conflict, and Dispute Systems Design.

Please email Margaret [mhuang@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:mhuang@courts.state.nh.us) if you have any virtual mediations scheduled from June-August 2022 that would be interesting for Tyler to observe.

## **Non-Judicial Branch Trainings**

### **NH Listens Local Lunch box: Responding To Conflict in Public Facilitation**

April 6 2022, Online

Register here: <https://carsey.unh.edu/calendar-event/69469>

### **Insights from Science of Moral Reasoning for Mediators**

April 7, 2022 via Zoom

To register, please email [mediation@dcappeals.gov](mailto:mediation@dcappeals.gov)

### **NH Listens: Advanced Facilitator Training**

April 22, 2022, Online

Register here: [https://carsey.unh.edu/new-hampshire-listens/events?utm\\_source=unh-calendar&utm\\_medium=listing&utm\\_campaign=carsey-nhlistens-AdvancedFacilitatorApril22#collapse\\_19429](https://carsey.unh.edu/new-hampshire-listens/events?utm_source=unh-calendar&utm_medium=listing&utm_campaign=carsey-nhlistens-AdvancedFacilitatorApril22#collapse_19429)