

# 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*

## **Calling for Volunteer Actors**

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the filming of a landlord-tenant video at the Hampton Courthouse on August 26 from 9am-11am. Volunteers may be asked to play landlords, tenants, mediators, or members of the courtroom. Breakfast will be provided.

Please email Patty Cole [pcole@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:pcole@courts.state.nh.us) and Heidi Mader [hmader@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:hmader@courts.state.nh.us) by July 8th if you are interested in participating.

## **Email Tip: Safe-Senders List**

Recently, a mediator informed me that they had stopped receiving emails from the court. It turned out that emails from court staff were ending up in Spam. Please add court email addresses to your safe sender list to prevent this from happening.

For outlook users, instructions can be found here:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/add-recipients-of-my-email-messages-to-the-safe-senders-list-be1baea0-beab-4a30-b968-9004332336ce>

## **Family Mediators - New Mileage Reimbursement Rate**

The new mileage reimbursement rate is 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2022.

## **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.

## **Free Judicial Branch Training – Capacity and Challenging Behaviors**

NHJB is providing a training to help the mediators become better prepared for responding to capacity concerns and other challenging behaviors in a consistent, accessible, and empowering manner.

This 90 minute training will take place online on **Friday, July 22nd from 9:30am-11am**.

To participate, please fill out this 3 question survey to register for the event: <https://forms.gle/WyndhjCGsZjmFEix5>



*NHJB Trial Court Information Center Tree, decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July*

*Happy Fourth of July!*

## **Minor Guardianship and Small Claims Openings**

### **Minor Guardianship Mediators Wanted**

The New Hampshire Judicial Branch Office of Mediation and Arbitration is currently accepting applications for mediators to contract for **Minor Guardianship mediation assignments**. Mediators will be paid for their services based upon the amount listed in the Statement for Payment. Qualified applicants must have completed a 40-hour mediation training, have 5 years' experience as a mediator, and be able to travel regionally within NH. Experience and knowledge in the areas of minor guardianship, child development, mental health issues and substance abuse issues are helpful. **Mediators who are willing to travel to courts in Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties are strongly encouraged to apply.** Applications will be accepted through July 22, 2022 through email at [mhuang@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:mhuang@courts.state.nh.us) or by mail. Please go to the ADR Office website for the application: <https://www.courts.nh.gov/resources/mediation>

### **Small Claims/Civil Mediators Wanted**

The New Hampshire Judicial Branch Office of Mediation and Arbitration is currently accepting applications for mediators to contract for **Small Claims and Civil mediation assignments**. Mediators will be paid \$80 per small claims case, and \$175 per civil case. Qualified applicants must have completed a 20-hour mediation training, have 2 years of experience as a mediator or other equivalent experience, and must be willing to accept mediation referrals from Salem. Experience and knowledge in the areas small claims, civil law, and consumer debt are helpful. Applications will be accepted through July 22, 2022 through email at [mhuang@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:mhuang@courts.state.nh.us) or by mail. Please go to the ADR Office website for the application: <https://www.courts.nh.gov/resources/mediation>

## **Post Script – Margaret Out of Office until July 18th**

Margaret will be out of the office for the first two weeks of July. She will return on July 18th. In the meantime, please contact Patty Cole ([pcole@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:pcole@courts.state.nh.us)) if you have any questions or require any assistance.

