

# The Courthouse Steps

A NEWSLETTER FOR NEUTRALS WHO SERVE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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## **Divorce/Parenting Mediator and Case Manager Summit - RSVP**

Please click [here](#) to RSVP for the 2023 Case Manager/Mediator Summit.

The annual Case Manager-Mediator Summit will be held on **September 15, 2023 from 9am-3pm**. Doors will open at 8:30am. The summit will be held **in-person at One Granite Place, Concord, NH**. We look forward to seeing you then!

Time	Activity
9:00am	Year in Review
9:30am	NH Listens
11:30am	Breakout rooms
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Stop Start Continue
1:45pm	Break
2:00pm	Judge Rauseo
2:45pm	Wrap

## **VMA Roundtable**

The first VMA Mediator roundtable will be scheduled for **Thursday October 26 from 8:15am-9:30am**, to take place on Webex. You will receive a link in a few days. Please come prepared to talk about the finding from the Harvard evaluation that "VMAs meet interests best when parents do most of the talking" and discuss strategies that can be used to increase parent participation in mediation.

## **Form Changes**

We will be dedicating a portion of the newsletter to changes in forms that may be of note to mediators in our various programs across the court systems. Thank you to the mediator who suggested this!

Form Number	Description	What's Changed
NHJB - 2681	Statement for Payment - Divorce/Parenting	Fund w/ children removed; Fee increase
NHJB - 2087	Have you Considered Mediation?	Fee repayment language removed
NHJB - 2069	Notice of Appointment for Mediation	Fund w/ children removed
NHJB - 2064	Parenting Plan	Certificate of service added
NHJB - 2066	Uniform Support Order	Certificate of service added
NHJB - 2052	Mediation Participation Agreement	Fee increase
NHJB - 2743	Notice to Court of Nonpayment of Mediator fee	Fee increase

If you have any feedback on how communication with mediators can be improved, please email Margaret at [mhuang@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:mhuang@courts.state.nh.us) or Carissa at [ccarkhuff@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:ccarkhuff@courts.state.nh.us).

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### **Non-Judicial Branch Training**

#### **What's your BATNA? Mediator skills workshop**

9/20/23 4pm-5:30pm

The workshop is expected to be approved by the FMCB for 1.5 CEU for skills.

Please RSVP by emailing Mary Sargent at [mary@marysargentmediation.com](mailto:mary@marysargentmediation.com)

#### **Post-Script – Margaret Out of Office 9/16/23-10/4/23**

Margaret will be out of the office from September 16, 2023 through October 4, 2023. She is going to visit her extended family in China for the first time in five years. In her absence, please contact Carissa Carkhuff ([ccarkhuff@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:ccarkhuff@courts.state.nh.us)) if you have any questions or require any assistance.