



# Mediation News

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## Reminders for the coming year...2009!

- MCHR will soon be requiring all volunteer mediators to be a member of the MD Program for Mediator Excellence (MPME) so if you haven't already joined – check out [www.mdcourts.gov/macro](http://www.mdcourts.gov/macro) and click on MPME. Membership is currently FREE and the membership application is on the website!
- There may be opportunities for you to be a mentor or a learning partner (mentee) in the coming year if you are interested through the **MPME Mediation Skills Mentoring Program**. This is a structured program that allows two mediators to work together over time to create a relationship contract focusing on skills the learning partner wants to improve on, co-mediate and debrief cases and ultimately improve the practice of both mediators involved. Contact Tara for info.
- We require all our volunteer mediators to attend at least one continuing education training session here at MCHR in each calendar year that you mediate for our program. MCHR trainings are free to our volunteers and you may attend as many trainings as you want every year. Don't forget to check our calendar in every newsletter, and contact Maria or Tara to sign up!

## Volunteer Spotlight



**SCOTTIE REID** is an attorney who has focused her career in the public interest area, primarily child welfare. In her early career she was on the staff of the first Lt. Gov. of Hawaii of Native Hawaiian ancestry. When she left “paradise” and returned to the mainland, she worked as a prosecutor specializing in sexual assaults. More recently, she represented children and parents involved in child abuse and neglect proceedings, and currently works part-time as an Assistant Attorney General representing MD's Department of Human Resources.

Scottie became interested in mediation in 2003 after attending training offered by Maryland's Attorney General's Office to encourage the use of mediation by State employees and administrators. She sought more training with MICPEL, and began mediating as a volunteer with a pro bono family law mediation project sponsored by the Legal Aid Bureau of Baltimore City.

She now volunteers for MCHR, and is on the mediator roster for the North Baltimore Center at Sheppard Pratt. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Among her goals in teaching is to have her students gain sufficient understanding of the process in order to effectively assist their future clients who consider the use of mediation, or who participate in mediation.

Scottie enjoys mediating at MCHR because the cases are varied and interesting, and she appreciates having the benefit of the different perspectives  
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## MARIA'S MINUTE

Greetings Volunteers...

Many of you may already know that Tara Taylor is getting ready to welcome her first child into her family! She is scheduled to be out on maternity leave from approximately mid-November to mid-February. If you have any scheduling needs, program concerns or other questions during her absence – please contact me directly at 410-767-8577 or [mandrews@mail.mchr.state.md.us](mailto:mandrews@mail.mchr.state.md.us).

Cheers ~ Maria

(cont'd from Spotlight article) offered by co-mediating. In her leisure time, she enjoys traveling, reading, hiking and spending time with her family and friends. *Thanks for your time and dedication to MCHR, Scottie!*



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## **NOVEMBER 2008**

**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup>** (6p – 9p)

MPME Diversity Workshop (Univ. System of MD at Hagerstown) Contact MACRO at 410-260-3540 to register

## **DECEMBER 2008**

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Maryland Mediators Convention (Maryland Maritime Institute, Linthicum, MD)

**Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>** (6:30p – 9p)

MCDR (MD Council for Dispute Resolution) Quarterly Meeting, Building a Mediation Practice, Part II, Judicial Training Center, Annapolis - (visit <http://www.mcdr.org> for more info)

## **MARCH 2009**

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>** (12 – 3:30p)

### **MCHR Training: Ethics & Confidentiality in Mediation\***

(Roger Wolf, Trainer ~ a similar training has been offered in the past and this training qualifies for the MPME required Ethics Training)

## **APRIL 2009**

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup>** (1p – 4p)

### **MCHR Training: Neurological Nuggets for Mediation\***

(Barbara Williams, Trainer ~ More info to come on this exciting new training!)

\*All MCHR trainings are held at the Baltimore office unless otherwise noted.  
To register for any MCHR Training contact Tara or Maria.

If the only prayer you ever say is thank you, that will be enough.

~ German theologian and humanist Meister Eckhart

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