

The Insider

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Your Monthly Source for What's Happening at the DRC



Fall in love with Mediation; become a Mediator.

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Fast Facts from October

27 Mediations

14 Agreements

62 Volunteer Hours

Upcoming Events

11/21- Muffins with Mediators

11/23-11/24- DRC Closed

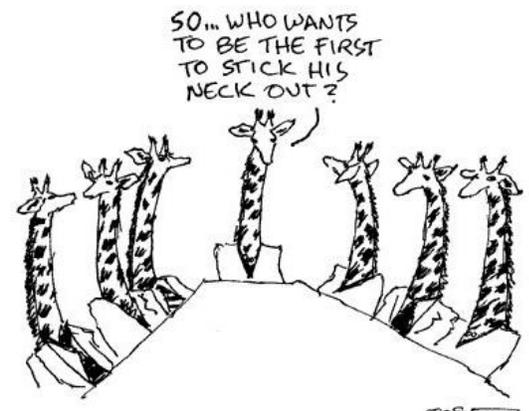
11/28-11/30- Family Training

12/7- FV Supplemental Training

12/11- Board of Directors Meeting

12/11- FV Supplemental Training

Visit our website at www.bvdrc.org for more details and times.



Giraffe mediator breaks ice with lame joke.

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Attorney Corner

Did you know.....

The DRC rents out conference rooms for meetings, depositions, and private mediations for a nominal fee with as little as 24-hours notice.

We have up to 7 rooms available for half or full day rentals. Each room comes equipped with tables, chairs, and white boards. Additional options for phone and video conferencing are available.

The DRC can also arrange for refreshments and lunch to be delivered.

Please contact our office with any questions.

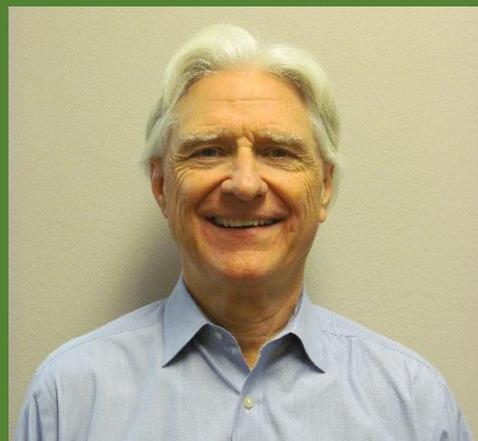
Remember, you can view our scheduling calendar online at www.bvdrc.org.

Why do all Family Mediators have to take the Family Violence Supplemental Training?

Effective September 1, 2017, SB 539 changed the Texas ADR Code (Civil Practice & Remedies Code), Section 154.052(b) to include "a minimum of four hours of family violence dynamics training developed in consultation with a statewide family violence advocacy organization."

Current family mediators are "not required to comply with the requirements imposed by that section, as amended by this Act, until January 1, 2018."

Board Member Highlight



Larry Catlin

Larry is the newest member of our 9-member Board. He graduated with his law degree in 1974 from Southern Methodist University, and runs a successful family law practice in Bryan, TX. Larry enjoys volunteering with his church and traveling in his spare time. We really appreciate Larry joining the DRC team.



Bob was the first casualty at the mediation of the "hold your breath till your face turns blue" negotiation strategy.

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Mediator Birthdays

Paige Osburn- Nov 3rd

Andrea James- Nov 18th

Melissa Flippin- Nov 27th

Every year deep fryer fires are responsible for 5 deaths, 60 injuries, the destruction of 900 homes, and more than \$15 million in property damage.

Texas holds the record for the most turkey related accidents in the past seven years. Gobble, gobble!

Only male turkeys "gobble, gobble"; female turkeys cackle.

Mediator Minute

Interested in Volunteering but don't know where to start?

If you have completed your basic and family mediations training courses, we would like to set you up as a co-mediator. Co-mediators are paired with experienced mediators in order to ease into the field of mediation.

At the DRC, we want you to work at your own pace. All new mediators are expected to shadow at least once before participating. Then, you can co-mediate until you are ready to go solo. Don't worry if this takes a while. The average new mediator participates in 6-8 co-mediations before starting out on their own. Even when you are ready to solo mediate, we have resources available to help you along the process.

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