

The Insider

Your Monthly Source for What's Happening at the DRC



Mediation can help clients overcome their scary situations.

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29 Mediations

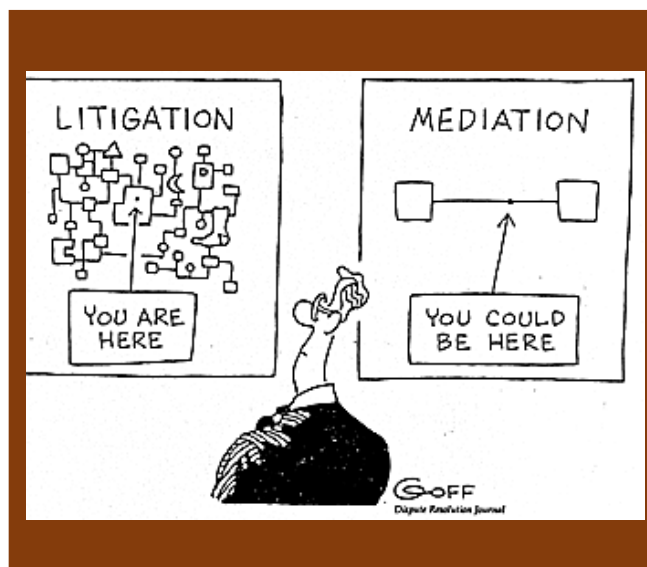
13 Agreements

51.5 Volunteer Hours

Upcoming Events

- 10/25- Family Violence Training
- 10/26- Roundtable on Neutrality
- 11/6- Board of Directors Meeting
- 11/7-11/9 & 11/14-11/15- Basic Training
- 11/21- Muffins with Mediators
- 11/28-11/30- Family Training

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



Attorney Corner

Did you know.....

- All Family Mediators have completed at least 64 hours of training (40 hours of Basic and 24 hours of Family)
- All DRC mediators have been background checked
- All DRC mediators must co-mediate before they solo mediate
- All TMCA Credentialed Mediators must complete 15 hours of continuing education per year
- The DRC can assign a special mediator to match your situation (just let us know when scheduling your mediation)

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



Tracy Stewart, Chair

Tracy is a CPA, PFS, CFP, CDFA, CFF and MAFF. She has her own practice in College Station focusing on divorce financial advice, financial forensics, and elder planning. She gives financial literacy tips on her YouTube channel and in a monthly column in *The Eagle*. She has been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Money Magazine* and numerous other publications.



Mediator Birthdays

Norma Rodriguez- 13th

Cindy Donaway- 16th

Wendy Letendre- 22nd

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.

Mediator Minute

Do you know of someone who would be a great Mediator but is afraid of the time commitment they think it requires?

The DRC has great news! We are gearing up to move 20 hours of Basic training to an online format to make the commitment a little easier. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Tori at the DRC office.

Feel like you aren't being called to mediate enough?

With the influx of new mediators from our training classes, we are integrating the new volunteers into the rotation. Jennifer is working hard to get our mediators on the schedule for 1-2 mediations per month. If you haven't updated your availability, please contact Jennifer at the DRC office.

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