

The Courthouse Steps

A NEWSLETTER FOR NEUTRALS WHO SERVE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Divorce/Parenting Mediator Summit – Save the Date

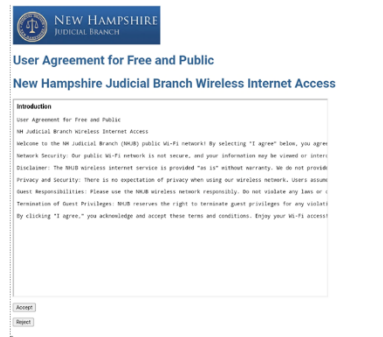
Save the date! The annual Case Manager-Mediator summit will be held on **September 13, 2024 from 9am-3pm**. The summit will be held **in person at One Granite Place**. We look forward to seeing you then!

The 2023 case manager-mediator summit was approved for FMCB CE credit. Please email ccarkhuff@courts.state.nh.us if you need to obtain a certificate of attendance.

Dr. Scott Hampton, Director of Ending the Violence (an organization that provides classes to people who have perpetrated domestic and sexual violence), will be a presenter.

Wifi in the Courthouses – A Tip and A Request for Information

Tip: To use the Guest Wi-Fi in the courthouse, you will need to accept a “splash page.” If the splash page does not show up, please go to courts.nh.gov. Example below:



IT has expressed interest in identifying the areas where wi-fi is not available. If you have had issues with Wi-Fi in the courthouse, please email Margaret Huang at mhuang@courts.state.nh.us with (1) which courthouse you have had issues in (2) where you were when you were trying to access the wifi.

Trauma-Informed and Bias-Resistant Resources

The NHJB ADR Office was a pilot-site for CUNY Dispute Resolution Center and MH Mediate’s Trauma-Informed and Bias Resistant Resource System for Courts project. A benefit of being a pilot-site is the opportunity to receive the resources they developed. There are 12 one-page resources available. Each month we will be attaching and highlighting one of the resources provided. If you would like to access all 12 resources and associated videos, you can access them for free after making an account here: <https://biasresistantcourts.org/>

This month is “Develop Trauma-Informed Practices” which is a checklist of ways to incorporate trauma-informed practices into your role.

Form Changes

Form changes effective March 15, 2024:

Form Number	Description	What's Changed
NHJB-2630-DFP	Mediator Statement for Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Claims and Landlord/Tenant fee increase to \$90 per case.• Compensation fee for no mediations added.

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

Non-Judicial Branch Training

Divorce/Parenting Mediator Skills Workshop

Mark your calendars! 90 minute skills workshop 4/24 @ 4pm via Zoom. More info to follow. FMCB approval pending. Email Mary@marysargentmediation.com for more information

Annual Update from the NHJB Office of Mediation and Arbitration (Margaret Huang)

NH Bar Association – ADR Section

April 25, 2024, 4pm-5:30pm

2 Pillsbury Street, Suite 300

Concord, NH 03301

Please email Steve Slovenski sslaw100@aol.com for more information

2024 Partnering for a Future without Violence Conference

September 4-5, 2024

Join the NH Attorney General's Office for a two-day conference in Manchester, NH to inform professionals about domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, best practice, and more. Registration opens in July. Please contact the Office of Victim and Witness Services for more information.