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NCS Updates

- John and Patti are representing NCS in a pilot program initiated by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) to help attorneys with depression. According to a study out of Johns Hopkins University, lawyers rank No. 1 “among 28 occupations in likelihood of suffering from depression.” Local **Magistrate Judge Hemann** and former CMBA president **Michael Brittain** collaborated to bring this initiative to Ohio. Plans include work on awareness among attorneys in large and solo practices, continuing education training and access to mental health resources.
- One of our speakers, **Kim Langley**, M.Ed., says that two of her “hottest” topic requests are “Taking Care of yourself in Times of Change” and “The Science of Optimism.” To book Kim for a speaking engagement, please call us at (216) 236-6200. Speaker **Kaeth Gauthier** who recently moved out of state, has given us permission to use her talk “Goldilocks with Dementia and the Three Bears with Power of Attorney.” Please call us to book these or other talks.
- John was invited to audition for the television show “**Intervention**” with emphasis on helping blended families through mediation. If he gets a casting call, we’ll let you know. And of course those of you who know John realize he’s still waiting for the call from Alex to get on Jeopardy!
- Our second book, *Elder Mediation: A New Solution to Age-Old Problems* was featured recently on www.mediate.com and is being included in Ann Arbor’s **Center for Social Gerontology** in its annotated bibliography on Elder Mediation works. It will also be included in the Canadian *ADR Forum* due for publication soon.
- **Mark Newton**, our NCS Associate, mediator and attorney offers an insightful CEU or community workshop on “**Children of Divorce.**” Mark and John alternate by months offering “**Without Becoming Enemies,**” a free workshop comparing differences between mediation and litigation for couples considering divorce. Please call if you’re interested in bringing either workshop to your place of business, church or community group.
- **John and Patti** returned in May from Richmond, Indiana where they gave a two-day conference: one on faith-based mediation for clergy; the other on elder mediation for employees of their agency on aging.

2009 CALENDAR

- July 9, 10, 15, 16, 17** **Divorce and Family Mediation Training.** \$725. John Bertschler, PhD and Mark Newton, JD. 8:00 – 5 PM daily 40 contact hours.
- September 29** **Ethics Panel Discussion** hosted by Ned Parks. Details TBA.
- October 2** **Advanced Elder Mediation.** 6 hrs 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM. BENHA approval # 05-L-09. \$100.
- October 15-16** **Mediator Success Boot Camp,** Embassy Suites Hotel, **Orlando, FL.** Hosted by Lakewood College(formerly The Association for Conflict Resolution Institute.) Call 800-517-0857 to register.



Congratulations
to Laurie Malone, Independence,
Ohio mediator and parenting
coordinator, for being named the
Sun Courier Person of the Week.
Her photo and article appeared on
the front page of the July 2 issue.



As we mark the
celebration of
Independence Day, we
remember with love and
prayer all active, retired
and deceased veterans
who work for peace in
our world.