



Dispute Resolution Commission

REVISED Agenda

**Friday, May 11, 2012
NC Judicial Center
Raleigh, NC
10:00a.m.**

(The Commission will recognize Sharon Corey-Laue at this meeting on the occasion of her retirement this August after fourteen years of dedicated service. A plaque will be presented at the meeting and cake will be served at lunch.)

- I. Welcome and Announcements – Judge Lee
- II. Administration of Oath (Introduction of New Member, Ms. Hicks, and administration of oath to Ms. Clare, Ms. Bryant and Ms. Hick) – Judge Lee
- III. Approval of Minutes – Judge Lee
- IV. Office Report – Ms. Ratliff
- V. Presentation of Research and Findings – Mr. Batten & Mr. Goldberg
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - a. Executive/Operations Committee – Judge Lee
 1. Confiscation of DRC unspent revenue (see enclosed, proposed revisions to DRC enabling legislation);
 2. Concerns about collection and reporting of mediation caseload statistics (see enclosed memo on caseload statistics); and
 3. Potential revision of Commission enabling legislation to authorize the Commission to address concerns relating to misrepresentation of certification.
 4. Update on cease and desist issue.
 - b. Standards, Discipline and Advisory Opinions Committee – Ms. Clare
 1. Proposed AO #12-23 on mediators being contacted by State Bar investigators;

2. Updated on matter of attorney-mediators drafting agreements reached in mediation;
3. Issues of mediators giving holiday gifts (see proposed memo discussing this matter and seeking feedback from Commission);
4. Update on other matters to be addressed by AO; and
5. Update on Complaints.

(There will likely be an additional mailing for this Committee as it has meetings scheduled for early May.)

c. Mediator Certification and Training Committee – Mr. Hudspeth

1. Proposed revisions to MSC Trainer Guidelines (see subsection 3.c.) and FFS Trainer Guidelines (see subsection 3. E.);
2. Update on other matters before Committee this quarter; and

Update on efforts to revise on-line renewal application to make it more concise and to permit court-appointment letters to be filed with court staff rather than Commission.

d. Program Oversight Committee – Mr. Little

e. Book Re-Publication Committee – Mr. Laney

Update of re-publication effort (please attached spread sheet on budget/expenditures)

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. Ms. Cole (Administrative Office of the Courts)
- b. Mr. Doyle (Dispute Resolution Section)
- c. Mr. Laney (Federal Courts)
- d. Mr. Minor (Mediation Network)
- e. Mr. Shafer (Industrial Commission)
- f. Judge Steelman (Court of Appeals)
- g. Ms. Whitley (Judicial Support Staff)

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment