

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

## AGENDA

Friday, August 25, 2006  
Elon University School of Law  
Greensboro  
10:00

- I. Welcome and Announcements -- Judge Steelman
- II. Approval of Minutes -- Judge Steelman
- III. Office Report -- Ms. Ratliff
- IV. Presentation on Religious Arbitration -- Mr. Donald Brown
- V. Committee Reports:
  - a. Executive/Operations Committee -- Judge Steelman
    - i. draft statute regarding unspent revenues (see Matt Osborne memos)
    - ii. disaster mediation (see Ratified Senate Bill 277)
  - b. Program Oversight Committee -- Judge Lee
    - i. proposed revisions to postponement rules (See MSC and FFS Rule 7)
    - ii. pre-audit certification (see *Finger v. Gaston Co.*)
  - c. Mediator Certification and Training Committee -- Mr. Criner
    - iii. video taped training (see Section I. of the Guidelines for Guardianship and Estate Mediator Training)
    - iv. FFS stale training policy (see Draft #1 of Guidelines Interpreting FFS Rule 8.E.)
  - d. Standards, Discipline and AO Committee -- Ms. Bernholz
    - i. complaints addressed
    - ii. proposed advisory opinion (09-06, Draft #2))
    - iii. State Bar Invitation for Commission comment on ethics inquiry (see Alice Neece Mine letter and Luella Crane e-mail)
    - iv. recusal of members of this Committee from voting on appeals from the imposition of sanctions (Commission Rule VIII.A.4.a)

- v. revised complaint form/immunity for those filing complaints against mediators (see draft complaint form)
  - vi. possible revisions to the Standards (The Committee is seeking comment here only and not proposing any revisions at his time. See copy of Standards of Conduct raising issues that may require revisions.)
- e. New Ad Hoc Committee to Provide Mediator Oversight in District Court -- Mr. Laney
- i. committee update
  - ii. Judge Corbett letter
  
  - iii. Liaison Reports
    - i. Ms. Anderson (Section))
    - ii. Ms. Cohen (AOC)
    - iii. Mr. Laney (federal courts)
    - iv. Mr. Minor (Network)
    - v. Mr. Morris (Mediation Institute)
    - vi. Mr. Schafer (IC)
    - vii. Ms. Wrenn (Judicial Support Staff)

IV. Other Business

FYI - Revised Business Court Mediation Rules (see enclosed Rules)