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Aloha 2016—Mahalo to All Who Helped to Make it a Great Year!



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*Bringing people together to talk,
negotiate and
resolve conflict creatively.*

VOLUNTEERS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

The annual recognition and mahalo luncheon was held on December 9th to thank all of the individuals and businesses who supported MCP throughout the year and to honor those volunteers who truly went above and beyond. The Board of Directors and staff are grateful to all of the volunteers who gave thousands of hours in 2016 to enable people young and old, to resolve their conflicts by talking it out through mediation. It is only with their support, that MCP was able to serve more than 6,000 people.



Key note speakers Kaleiaina Lee and Peter Adler presented an overview of the 2016 aha and the facilitator tools they used to help the group achieve success.

President Bruce McEwan presented the Mediators of the Year, Tom Mitrano above and Eugene Villaluz below, with their awards.



Lisa Jacobs, left, was honored as Domestic Mediator of the Year. Samantha "Sam" Kasnetz, right, was honored as Apprentice Mediator of the Year.



Peter Lewis, left, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award.



Jody Mishan, above, and Ron Matayoshi, right, were honored as "Friends of the Center" for their work supporting the Kupuna Pono Program.



Above. Walt Schroeder and Susan Michihara accepted the Collaborative Corporation Award on behalf of Kaiser Permanente. At left, Owen Tamamoto, Chris Otake, Erika Ireland, Doug Kaya and Leo Hura received the Conch Shell Award for their work promoting the Kupuna Pono Program.



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Military Divorce Mediation Workshop

A large number of the divorcing couples who utilize MCP's divorce mediation services are in the military. To ensure that mediators provide quality services for these couples, Paige E. Dunlap, First Lieutenant, USMC Trial Counsel of Kaneohe Marine Corps, generously conducted two, two-hour workshops for MCP mediators on October 26th and December 1st. Paige provided an excellent overview of the various military policies, resources and benefit plans. Both workshops were filled with mediators waitlisted due to the physical limitations of the training room. MCP is grateful to Paige for her willingness to donate her time and share her expertise. MCP looks forward to having Paige come back in 2017!



District Court Mediator Reception

Since 1990, MCP has provided on-site mediators at all of the District Courts throughout Oahu to mediate Small Claims, Landlord/Tenant and Summary Possession cases. In appreciation for the valuable work of the mediators, each year the District Court Judges host a special reception for the mediators. This year the reception was held on November 7th at the Honolulu District Court meeting room. The Judges provided delicious refreshments (many of them homemade) and everyone enjoyed the gathering. MCP is grateful for the excellent working relationship with the Judges!



Congratulations to Mediators Lisa Jacobs, Melissa Lindsay and Samantha Kasnetz

All Apprentice Mediators are required to complete approximately 50 hours of training (Basic & Advanced Mediation), 10 co-mediations and an evaluation process to become certified as an MCP mediator. A special divorce mediation evaluation process was created for mediators focusing in the domestic arena. Mediators Lisa Jacobs, Melissa Lindsay and Samantha "Sam" Kasnetz recently successfully completed the domestic Apprenticeship process, including the December 28th evaluation coordinated by Mediator Manager Nathan Nikaido. MCP is grateful to evaluators Constance Hassell, Aleta Klein, Bruce McEwan and Eugene Villaluz who volunteered to assist as evaluators.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Basic Mediation Training

Thursday March 2 & Friday March 3, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 pm.
and Saturday March 4, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

The Kukui Children's Center 1st Floor Conference Room

Learn the nuts and bolts of mediating conflicts of all types.



10th Annual Under the Mediation Moon

Saturday May 6, 2017 * 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Hawaii Convention Center

Honoring Kitty Lagareta, Brendon Kaleiaina Lee
& Judge Victoria Marks (Ret.)

A Fundraiser to support the work of the Mediation Center!

Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training

Friday June 16, 2017 * 1:00- 6:00 p.m. and Saturday June 17, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Friday June 23, 2017 * 1:00- 6:00 p.m. and Saturday June 24, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

The Kukui Children's Center 1st Floor Conference Room

Learn a modified process to assist divorcing couples in creating agreements on time-sharing, co-parenting, and property division to finalize the terms of their divorce.

Basic Mediation Training

Thursday October 5 & Friday October 6, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 pm.
and Saturday October 7, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Community Room

Learn the nuts and bolts of mediating conflicts of all types.

Advanced Mediation Training

Thursday November 2 & Friday November 3, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

and Saturday November 4, 2017 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Build on basic mediation skills and learn how to modify the process to work with attorneys, challenging personalities, multiple participants, cultural differences and more.

Contact mcpadmin@mediatehawaii.org to register or for more information