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# **CONGRATULATIONS TO MEDIATOR PIONEERS GERALD "JERRY" CLAY AND SUSAN ICHINOSE!**









On Saturday April 21st, The Mediation Center of the Pacific (MCP) hosted the 11th annual Under the Mediation Moon at the Hawaii Convention Center to honor outstanding mediators Gerald "Jerry" Clay and Susan Ichinose and to celebrate 39 years of providing mediation and dispute resolution services in Oahu's communities. Two hundred seventy friends and supporters gathered to recognize Jerry and Susan and support the work of MCP. The Board of Directors and staff are grateful to everyone for their generous support and commitment to growing mediation in Hawaii! Mahalo Nui Loa and congratulations Jerry and Susan!

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

# THE 11TH ANNUAL UNDER THE MEDIATION















# **SPECIAL MAHALOS**



MCP is grateful to Judge Karen Nakasone who personally created and donated the beautiful floral centerpieces for the VIP tables.



Mahalo to volunteer mediators Susan Barr Brandon and Charlene Anaya for assisting with registration and to the outstanding MCP staff for all of their hard work coordinating all of the details to make the event a success!



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# TRAINING, EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Over the past three months, MCP conducted 66 hours of trainings and workshops for the volunteer mediators and other individuals interested in developing mediation skills. The staff and volunteers also provided more than 22 hours of outreach and education throughout Oahu to encourage people to use mediation before going to court and to promote the Kupuna Pono and Early Access Landlord-Tenant Mediation Programs. MCP is grateful to the many professionals who volunteered their time to present during the Elder, Divorce and Landlord-Tenant mediation trainings and to the volunteers who participated in the various outreach efforts. Mahalo also to Aloha United Way, the Bretzlaff Foundation, Hawaii Justice Foundation, Pettus Foundation, and Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation for providing the generous financial resources that enabled MCP to provide the training and outreach!



Basic Mediation Class March 2018



**Elder Mediation Training** 

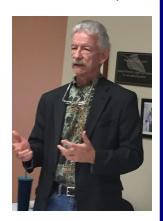


Tips from the experts at Divorce Mediation Training Katie Bennett, Tom Mitrano and Lisa Jacobs









A special mahalo to our Elder Mediation Presenters (from left to right) Bruce McEwan, Linda Axel-Thompson, Professor Jim Pietsch and Attorney Scott Makuakane,



MCP staff and mediators bid a fond farewell to Junko Hashizume who flew from Japan to participate in MCP's Divorce Mediation Training in March. This is the third MCP training Junko has participated in over the past year. She has been a pleasure to work with and we hope she will return soon!



Mediators Signe Godfrey and Gary Shiraishi (above) and Cecelia Chang of the Judiciary's Center for ADR, Mike Buck and Connie Mitchell of Institute for Human Services (right) helped to promote the Early Access Landlord-Tenant Mediation program.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## **Basic Mediation Training \***

Thursday October 25 & Friday October 26, 2018 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Saturday October 27, 2018 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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

# **Mediation Skills for Managers Training \***

Friday November 9, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Managers learn an 8-step informal mediation process to empower employees to resolve their own disputes.

# **Advanced Mediation Training \***

Thursday November 15 and Friday November 16, 2018 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. Saturday November 17, 2018 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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

# **Annual Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Gathering**

Friday December 7, 2018 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Community Room

An annual gathering to say "mahalo" to MCP's volunteers and supporters in 2018

Go to www.mediatehawaii.org to register for trainings or contact mcpadmin@mediatehawaii.org for additional information
\* Seating in trainings is limited. Early registration is encouraged.