

## New and Developing Horizons in the Field of ADR November 4, 2005

On November 4th, we will begin our 2005-06 programming with a three (3) hour seminar at the Wichita Bar Association. Three topics will be presented after lunch and a brief HMA membership meeting. These topics are timely and will even provide three hours of CME credit! So check out the information below and sign up today.

### Changes in Kansas Supreme Court Rule 902 and Future Issues in ADR

(1:00 - 1:50 pm)

**ART THOMPSON**, Dispute Resolution Coordinator, will discuss the changes to Rule 902 that were effective in October 2004, including the potential of using role-plays to substitute for the co-mediation requirement, and future issues of using dispute resolution by the state in public policy disputes, the possible addition of a new dispute resolution "early neutral evaluation," the addition of a voluntary mediator ethics advisory committee and ongoing research on the variety of mediation styles.

### Child In Need of Care (CINC)

(2:00 - 2:50 pm)

**LEDETRA C. JONES**, an attorney/mediator will present this session. Child in Need of Care (CINC) or Juvenile Permanency mediations began in Wichita under a grant to

Midland Mediation and Settlement Services in July 2001. These are mediations done for the Juvenile Court for the purpose of facilitating the development of early, appropriate and comprehensive agreements that serve to protect the safety and best interests of the children and family. The pilot program has proven very successful. It has continued in Sedgwick County for the last five years and is being transported to other judicial jurisdictions. Yours could be next. This is something quite different in the field

of mediations that you should know about.

### Restorative Justice Its and Applications

3:00 - 3:50 pm

This presentation will

introduce the audience to the principals of restorative justice, and its applications for victims and offenders. **JOANNE KATZ**, Professor of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, Missouri Western State University will present information about restorative justice, its place in the criminal justice system, and how it fits into the spectrum of collaborative processes. **DON IVANS**, Victim/Offender Mediation Coordinator, Community Mediation Center, Independence, MO will discuss his program where victim/offender mediation is used as an intervention for juveniles referred from the Clay County and Jackson County, MO family courts. ♦



**Date:**  
**Friday,**  
**November 4, 2005**

**Time:**  
**11:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Place:**  
**Wichita Bar Association,**  
**225 N. Market Street,**  
**Wichita, Kansas**

**Program:**  
**11:30 am**  
**Lunch and**  
**HMA business meeting**

**1:00 pm**  
**Changes in KS Supreme**  
**Court Rule 902 and**  
**Future Issues in ADR**

**2:00 pm**  
**Child in Need of Care**

**3:00 pm**  
**Restorative Justice**  
**and Its Applications**

**Cost:**  
**\$30 for members,**  
**\$40 for nonmembers**

**CME:**  
**3 hours of credit**

## HMA Kicks Off New Member-Get-A Member Campaign

by Rhonda Harris, President

Heartland Mediators Association members I am pleased to be serving as your new President. I am also pleased to be officially kicking off a new Member-Get-A-Member campaign, that will mean discounts for you on your membership dues. We want to keep our network of professionals in the field of conflict resolution growing and continue to strengthen our organization. Thus, we need your help in this recruitment effort. This is how it will work. Tell your colleagues about HMA and the benefits of joining this network.

### Benefits!

- ⊙ *A listing in HMA's professional online membership directory!*
- ⊙ *The opportunity to meet and share with other professionals like themselves who either work in the field or are interested in the ADR profession!*
- ⊙ *Opportunities for education and training during annual conferences, membership training workshops, regional roadshows!*
- ⊙ *First Friday network group meetings!*
- ⊙ *Be a part of organization planning through section memberships!*
- ⊙ *Four - six newsletters a year, along with other mailings!*



- ⊙ *Information on other training opportunities in the surrounding area through newsletter and website!*

Every time one of your referrals becomes a new HMA member and mentions your name, you will receive **\$10 credit for your next year's dues**, or you can provide your colleagues name and contact information to HMA and the office will send a prospective member letter and application form to them with your name listed as the referral.

**Again, once they join, you receive a \$10 credit.** You can receive as many credits up to your membership being free for the year!!!

You will find a membership application on our web site at [www.heartlandmediators.org](http://www.heartlandmediators.org). Make as many copies as you need. You can also get forms by contacting the HMA office at (913) 381-4458. Let's keep HMA growing! ♦

HMA is now listed on the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission website as a resource for judges seeking mediators who mediate restorative justice cases. Their web site is [www.mosac.mo.gov](http://www.mosac.mo.gov). They will be referred to our referral list on our web site.

## Nominate a School for the Peer Mediation Awards

by Don Hampton

Early each year the Heartland Mediators Association seeks nominations from Kansas and Missouri schools to receive the organization's Peer Mediation Awards. The nominees may be schools in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 that have active peer mediation programs.

Heartland is interested in identifying schools that have implemented peer mediation as a means of resolving conflicts between its students.

More fundamentally we are interested in schools providing a practical educational mediation experience for their students. These programs provide hands on opportunities for student mediators and students in conflict as well as others in the student body to experience or learn of the benefits of alternative dispute resolution.

Heartland Mediators Association is also interested in helping schools establish and maintain mediation programs.

If you have a school program you would like to see considered for this program, please send contact information and the reason for your nomination to me at: [donhampton@onemain.com](mailto:donhampton@onemain.com). ♦

**Check Out Our New Web Site!**  
[www.heartlandmediators.org](http://www.heartlandmediators.org)

**HMA is now set up to take Mastercard or Visa for any charges, including membership**

## Advanced Mediator Mentoring Program

Domestic Court Services (DCS) in Olathe offers an opportunity for experienced family mediators to obtain advanced mentoring of their style and practice. This is a unique opportunity to obtain experienced collegial reflection to enhance your professional practice. The mediator will receive structured objective feedback and discussion of domestic mediation cases they will conduct on site. Mentoring addresses questions of the individual mediator — methods, style, philosophy, and effectiveness.

Domestic Court Services of Kansas, Tenth Judicial District has been practicing family mediation for over 20 years, encompassing over 8,500 court ordered mediations and an estimated 1800-2000 follow-ups. DCS staff handle over 600 mediation cases each year as well as 150-200 follow-up, providing potential students with a rich collegial learning environment.

Evan Ash, who supervises the clinical programs, has mediated over 1700 court ordered cases and an estimated 350-400 follow-ups. In addition Evan has mentored over 60 students in co-mediation, internship, and other similar clinical programs. His experience includes instruction at JCCC, Overland Park and Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph as well as numerous presentations for local and national organizations.

Sharon Lowenstein, the first mentoring student, remarked, "We mediators work in isolation - Nothing, however, has been as helpful as this one-on-one mentoring experience

with Evan Ash. I am now more self-aware - and I have made significant changes in my mediation practice."

For more information on the Advanced Mediator Mentoring Program, contact Evan Ash at (913) 324-6978 or [evan.ash@jocogov.org](mailto:evan.ash@jocogov.org).

## VOM Project

By way of introduction, my name is Bob Williams, the new coordinator for the Victim Offender Mediation Project.

I am updating the list of volunteer mediators for the Victim Offender Mediation Project. As you are aware, our mediations frequently occur late in the afternoon or early evening. Occasionally, a mediation will be scheduled on the weekend but, I don't like to work on the weekends anymore than anyone else so I will do my best to avoid weekend mediations. The procedure has been to send a blast email to the volunteer mediators and those who respond will be assigned a specific mediation case.

If you are still interested in helping us out, please let me know by sending an email indicating your interest to: [vomptcpj@yahoo.com](mailto:vomptcpj@yahoo.com).

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## DYNAMICS OF NEGOTIATION

November 18, 2005 - 12-4 pm  
Fort Hays State University

*"NEGOTIATION" — The word seems to be thought of by many mediators as synonymous with mediation but the two are entirely different activities. Mediating parties are negotiating but mediators are not. A mediator's task is to facilitate negotiation. Do you know the dynamics of what it is that you are facilitating? Come spend a relaxed and informative time learning the DYNAMICS of NEGOTIATION and how to better facilitate it.*

### Presenter:

#### Don Hampton

Don's career of dealing with conflict on a daily basis began as a Revenue Officer for the IRS. Don retired in 1993 after more than 36 years of aiding in the settlement of thousands of delinquent tax and bankruptcy matters. Don worked through his church as a volunteer in Divorce Support Workshops and Support Groups for more than 10 years. He became a trained mediator in 1995 and is Supreme Court Approved in Core, Civil, Domestic and Parent-Adolescent. He has also qualified to do farmer-lender mediations and has mediated church and troubled marriage cases. Don's primary practice is in Family Law as a Mediator, Dispute Resolution Counselor, and Domestic Case Manager. He has taught Conflict Management for the IRS, Core for the Mediation Center of Wichita and Core and Domestic for the Wichita Bar Association.

### CME:

Three (3) hours

### Fee:

\$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers  
includes lunch

### Location:

Room 126,  
Field Conference Room, Sheridan Hall,  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

site map of campus can be found at:  
[http://www.fhsu.edu/future\\_students/virtual/campus/sites/](http://www.fhsu.edu/future_students/virtual/campus/sites/)

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please sign me up for \_\_\_ Wichita Training 11/4 \_\_\_ Negotiation 11/18**  
[\$30 members, \$40 nonmembers per meeting]

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the following credit card:

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