

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION



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## UPGRADES MADE TO THE 2019-20 RENEWAL APPLICATION AND CME SELF REPORTING

NCDRC staff is excited to share with you upgrades that have been made to the FY 2019-20 Renewal Process. Mediators will now be able to self-report CME when completing their Renewal. Because of this change, staff will no longer be accepting the CME Self Reporting Form after May 31, 2019. **Inactive mediators are not required to complete two hours of CME, however you must complete the renewal application and pay the fee(s).**

**For those of you that have already submitted CME for the upcoming renewal period,** your information has been recorded and you will have full access to your renewal application on or after July 1, 2019. You will not be required to enter the CME course(s) you attended/watched this year.

### **Renewal instructions for mediators who have not submitted or completed CME:**

After a mediator has completed two hours of CME, s/he will log in to their renewal application on or after July 1, 2019, complete their application and at the bottom of the form click on the CME course(s) they have taken. You must enter two or more hours of CME for the application to be accepted. Once the application is accepted, the mediator can then update their profile, pay the fees by credit card, or print out their invoice to mail in payment. You will not be able to submit your application until you have recorded two hours of CME.

If you still have not completed your two hours of required CME, please visit the Commission's **[Current CME Opportunities page](#)**.

Staff understands that the renewal process can sometimes be confusing, we hope these new changes will make the renewal process a quick and easy process. As a reminder, the upcoming renewal period runs from July 1 -September 30, 2019.

## COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT

At the recent May 17, 2019, meeting, the Commission approved changes to the below documents. All items have been posted to the [Commission Seeks Comment webpage](#). **Comments will be accepted until June 28, 2019.** Send all comments to [DRCMediators@nccourts.org](mailto:DRCMediators@nccourts.org).

**DRC Lapsed and Restatement Policy and DRC Dated and Out-of-State Training Policy.** The Commission felt that there was inconsistent language in the Dated and Out-of-State Training Policy and the Lapsed Status and Reinstatement Policy. The Commission voted to align the policies so lapsed persons and persons with dated training had the same requirements to become certified/recertified.

**FFS Rule 2 and FFS Rule 8.** Consistency and Quality. To bring all those who mediate mandatory court ordered programs under the purview of the DRC, to ensure all mediators would be bound to same rules and standards. All mediators would have proper training, and be competent in the services they perform. Provide honor and integrity to the program, courts and the Commission.



**Special Visitor At The Recent DRC Meeting.**

The Honorable Ralph Walker stopped by the May 17, 2019, Commission meeting. As a reminder, all DRC meetings are open to the public.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY 2019!**

The Dispute Resolution Commission is planning it's annual reception for Conflict Resolution Day on **Thursday, October 17, 2019**, at the NC Judicial Center, located at 901 Corporate Center Drive, Raleigh. This year's event will include an appearance by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, and CME training for certified mediators. A reception will be held at 11:00 am with a light lunch. NCDRC staff will keep you posted on all the details as we get closer to the date.



**BE ON THE LOOKOUT**

**Rules and Standards Submitted to the Supreme Court**

Commission staff has submitted amended Program Rules, DRC Rules and The Standards of Conduct to the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Once staff has received the newly amended Rules/Standards, mediators will receive copies via email.

**The DRC congratulates the following mediators who made the I 2018 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society.**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Donald H. Beskind           | Richard Keshian            |
| Susan Boyles                | Douglas Edgar Koenig       |
| Rolly L. Chambers           | William Anderson Long, Jr. |
| George G. Cunningham        | Dewitt F. McCarley         |
| Thomas H. Davis, Jr.        | Charles K. McCotter, Jr.   |
| Jaime Humphries Davis       | Lynna Palmer Moen          |
| Harry Lee. Davis            | Melzer A. Morgan, Jr.      |
| Kathryn Anne Deiter-Maradei | Emily A. Moseley           |
| Anthony S. Di Santi         | Matthew T. Phillips        |
| William L. Esser, IV        | Mary Reece                 |
| Mark A. Finkelstein         | Alice Carmichael Richey    |
| Richard W. Gabriel          | Rhesa C. Rubin             |
| Stephanie Jane Gibbs        | Elizabeth D. Scott         |
| David R. Hillier            | Kerry A. Shad              |
| Charles Mark Holt           | Douglas A. Smith           |
| Rosemary G. Kenyon          | Sean Paul Vitrano          |

**NCBA Dispute Resolution Section Peace Award**



Congratulations to Commissioner and Certified Mediator LeAnn Nease Brown on receiving the NCBA Dispute Resolution Section's 2019 Peace Award. LeAnn was presented the award at the March 22, Annual Section Meeting.

Ex-officio member Frank Laney presented Ms. Brown with the award. During the presentation Mr. Laney mentioned Ms. Brown's many accomplishments, a past chair of the section, past chair of multiple sections and committees, her service to 31 different boards and commissions and presently serving as the president-elect of the NCBA.

Ms. Brown was appointed the NCDRC on November 8, 2016, by Chief Justice Mark Martin. Ms. Brown has been a certified superior court mediator since 1992 and a certified family financial mediator since 1999.

The NCDRC congratulates Ms. Brown as being the recipient of the 2019 Peace Award.

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