

Hawaii Celebrates ABA Mediation Month

Organizers of Honolulu Hawaii's event in celebration of ABA Mediation Month have set an ambitious objective for its program that not only highlights progress made in applying Mediation to a variety of public issues but also challenges us to expand its horizons. The Dispute Resolution Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) in collaboration with the Mediation Committee of ABA's Dispute Resolution Section will present a panel of four highly experienced Mediators to suggest ways of "Breaking Political Impasse with Mediation." Members of the audience will be encouraged to propose examples of recent high-profile public issues in Hawaii that might have successfully used Mediation but did not. The distinguished panelists, who will share their experiences with mediating complex public policy issues, are:

- **Peter S. Adler**, President of the Keystone Center in Colorado, who specializes in multi-party negotiation, problem solving, facilitation and consensus building, including water resources and resource planning; author of several books and articles.
- **Michael Broderick**, Judge, Family Court since 2003; Mediator and Facilitator for over 30 years dealing with many different types of cases; has conducted trainings, taught courses and written on the subject.
- **Linda Colburn**, Mediator and Facilitator for contentious multi-party public policy disputes; conducts training and strategic planning; works with numerous groups including the military, Department of Education, Office of Hawaii Affairs, Federal Agencies and non-profit organizations.
- **Lela P. Love**, Professor of Law and Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and the Cardozo Mediation Clinic at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law; over 20 years of teaching, training, consulting and writing in dispute resolution; past Chair of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section

The complimentary panel and reception take place on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 starting at 5:15 pm at the Plaza Club in the center of Honolulu's Business and Financial District. It will be followed by a no-host dinner for further discussion and networking.

This program is being presented in connection with the Hawaii Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution, the Mediation Center of the Pacific, the State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Invitations have gone out to a broad spectrum of Hawaii's political, governmental, business, educational, technology and legal communities. Students are being invited from Honolulu universities and colleges.

Presentations by the panel of Mediators will be videotaped for later broadcast on 'Olelo, Hawaii's public access television station, and distribution throughout the State. It will also be available through ABA's Dispute Resolution Section's Mediation Committee as part of its comprehensive public outreach program.

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