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***New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators
Encourages Members to Volunteer for State Mediation Foreclosure Program***

Trenton, NJ (October 24, 2008). The New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM) announced today that it is encouraging its members to participate in providing mediation services as part of the statewide Judiciary program to assist homeowners in foreclosure actions.

Stressing the urgency of the situation, NJAPM President, Robert J. McDonnell stated, “We are all too aware of the dire situation facing many New Jersey homeowners. Under these circumstances, we are urging our members, particularly our Accredited Professional Mediators, to support this program and volunteer their services. Under ordinary circumstances, we prefer that mediators’ professional services be recognized and receive appropriate compensation. However, homeowners facing foreclosure should have the opportunity to negotiate to save their homes, and our members can help. We hope that this project will move forward quickly and efficiently.”

Mediation is the process in which a trained neutral person facilitates the resolution of a dispute between two or more parties. Mediation is non-adversarial with the objective of helping the parties reach a mutually acceptable agreement. Mediation can be used to resolve any dispute, but most commonly is used in family/divorce matters and civil/commercial matters. Mediation is faster and generally far less expensive than traditional litigation. NJAPM promotes mediation as “The right way to resolve disputes.”

NJAPM is the largest statewide mediation organization and the only organization in New Jersey that accredits professional mediators who have high levels of experience and education. Mediators accredited by the organization are given the designation APM®. NJAPM is dedicated to fostering excellence in the field of mediation; promoting mediation as the preferred method of dispute resolution, encouraging and providing mediation education to the public, the government and the professions, training and accrediting professional mediators, and protecting the public through standards of conduct for mediators. The Association can be reached at 1-800-981-4800, and their website is located at www.njapm.org.

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