



New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

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Goals Of NJAPM

- ▶ **Foster public awareness of mediation**
- ▶ **Provide information to the public about accredited mediators**
- ▶ **Protect the public through a code of ethics and standards**
- ▶ **Act as a training, educational, and collegial resource**

Members Of NJAPM

- ▶ General—anyone can be a general member
- ▶ Student—full-time student
- ▶ Accredited—general member that meets educational, training, and experience requirements

Management Of NJAPM

- ▶ NJAPM is run by officers, directors, and committee chairpersons
 - ▶ See www.NJAPM.org for current listings
- ▶ We are a volunteer driven organization!
- ▶ Your participation yields rewards for you and the organization

Code Of Ethics And Policies

- ▶ Code of ethics
 - ▶ Designed to protect public and enhance reputation of NJAPM members
- ▶ Policies
 - ▶ Continuing education
 - ▶ Accredited v. certified
 - ▶ Listserves

Training, Educational, and Collegial Resource

▶ Training and education

- ▶ Annual Conference
- ▶ Annual Civil and Divorce Seminars
- ▶ Monthly General Meetings
- ▶ 40-hour Divorce Mediation and Basic Civil Mediation
- ▶ 6-Hour Supplemental Classes in Divorce and Civil Mediation
- ▶ Other specialized trainings including apprentice programs

▶ Collegial resource

- ▶ Regional Peer Mediation Breakfast/Luncheon Groups
- ▶ Listserv Discussions

NJAPM Peer Mediations Groups

- ▶ Peer consultation meetings are a great opportunity to network and to discuss difficult cases with a group of your peers.
- ▶ Share marketing ideas and update your peers on current mediation issues.
- ▶ Accredited members receive one half hour credit for each meeting attended.
- ▶ Most groups meet once a month, usually for breakfast or lunch. They are friendly, free, informal meetings where newcomers are always welcome!
- ▶ If you would like to attend a meeting in your area, contact the closest group contact person for times and places. Watch for listserve announcements posted by group hosts.
- ▶ If there is no group close to you and you would like to form a peer consultation group, contact the chairperson.
- ▶ Chairperson, Peer Mediation Consultation and Mentoring Committee
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NJAPM Peer Mediations Groups

- ▶ **Bergen:** Divorce lunch, 1st Wednesday of the month, 12:30 to 2 PM, Maggiano's Little Italy, 390 Hackensack Ave., The Shops at Riverside, 70 Riverside Sq., Hackensack. Civil lunch, 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30 PM to 2 PM at Houlihan's, 65 Route 4 West, Paramus. Contact Robert J. Lenrow, Esq., APM, 201-986-1821, ceasefiremediation@juno.com
- ▶ **Camden/Burlington/Gloucester/South Jersey Group:** Lunch at Noon on the second Wednesdays every month. The location varies as they meet at different member's offices. Contact William H. Donahue, Jr., Esq., APM, 609-238-9245, whdonahuejr@gmail.com
- ▶ **Essex:** Lunch at 12:30 on a Wednesday, every other month, at the China Gourmet, 468 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange (just west of Prospect Ave.). Contact Don 973-761-6099 dbsteig@alum.mit.edu
- ▶ **Mercer:** Lunch on the 2nd second Thursday, of each month, 12:30 to 2:00 PM, alternating between Olive Garden on Rte. 1 South, Lawrenceville, near Mercer Mall (9/11 & 11/13/14) and members' offices. Gabrielle Strich, Esq., APM, 609-924-2900, info@strichlaw.com
- ▶ **Middlesex County:** Lunch at Empire Asian Fusion on every third Thurs., 435 Main St., Metuchen from 12:30 to 2 PM. Contact Bruce Waltuck, MBA. 609-577-1584, brucewcollaboration@gmail.com
- ▶ **Monmouth/Ocean:** Lunch at 11:30 at Pazzo Restaurant, 141 W Front St, Red Bank, NJ on the 1st Thursday of the month. Contact David Leta, 908-278-6335, mediation@DavidLeta.com or Anna-Maria Pittella, Esq. 732-842-6939, pittellalaw@verizon.net
- ▶ **Morris County:** Lunch at 12 Noon Hunan's Restaurant, the 2nd Wednesday, of the month, 255 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains. Contact Beverly & George Hays, APMs, 973-539-5242, George@HaysMediation.com
- ▶ **Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren:** Breakfast at 8:30 AM, 2nd Tuesday of month at Readington Diner, 452 Route 22 West, Whitehouse Station. Lunch at 11:45 AM, last Tuesday, every other month at Panera, 25 Mtn. View Blvd., Basking Ridge. Contact me at 908-625-0043, katherinewcomer@comcast.net
- ▶ **South Jersey Shore Peer Group:** This is a new group that serves Atlantic and Cape May Counties and meets quarterly at members offices generally around 6:00PM. Contact: Carol Goloff, Esq. at 609- 646-1333 at carol@golofflaw.com.
- ▶ **Union County:** Lunch on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30PM at Grillestone Restaurant, 2377 US Highway 22, Scotch Plains, NJ (908-889-8000). RSVP to Amber Leach at amber@leachmediation.com. Civil and Divorce mediators are welcome to join in networking and case discussions
- ▶ Check www.NJAPM.org for the most up to date information

Provide Information To The Public About Accredited Mediators

- ▶ Website lists accredited mediators in searchable data base
- ▶ Large number of visits from public results in new business for accredited mediators

Accreditation

- ▶ Must be general member first and in good standing for a minimum of two years
- ▶ Educational, training and experience requirements
- ▶ Advanced degree preferred
- ▶ Minimum of 4 years experience in discipline educational degree was earned
- ▶ 40-hour divorce training or for the civil training class, the applicant must have training as set forth pursuant to N.J. Court Rule 1:40-12(b)
- ▶ Completion of 15 cases and 100 hours of mediation experience; 80% of hours face-to face
- ▶ 15 case summaries; for divorce can substitute 4 sample MOU's
- ▶ **See www.NJAPM.org for more details and forms**

Membership Benefits

- ▶ **Website and Listserves**

- ▶ Website provides information to public and members
- ▶ Included on member list on website
- ▶ Listserves provide way to communicate with peers

- ▶ **Members Newsletter- Spring and Fall**

- ▶ **Professional Mediator's Liability Insurance through Complete Equity Insurance Markets Inc. Application available on website**

- ▶ **Discount for Divorceware- NJ child support guidelines**

- ▶ **Free attendance at monthly general meetings**

- ▶ **Access to County Peer Groups**

- ▶ **Conferences, training, and networking opportunities**

Membership
runs from
October to September



It's Your Organization
Get Involved!
www.njapm.org



▶ Updated 2017

▶ By Suzanne English

▶ NJAPM Membership Chair