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*Alabama Supreme Court Commission
on Dispute Resolution*

February 1, 2012

From the Director:



[The Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution](#) and the Bar's [Dispute Resolution Section](#) leadership had their first 2012 meetings in January. Patsy is busy helping you renew your memberships on the Rosters, and recording your survey answers. Thanks for filling us in on what you are doing, and what is happening with mediation and arbitration in your area of Alabama. I thought I would take a moment to send some e-news your way.

JOIN US! for one of the following specialty CLE courses sponsored in part by the Center --in addition to the usual offerings posted at the website. All courses will be held at the Bar, 415 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery. Agendas, additional information, and registration forms are available by e-mailing [Patsy Shropshire](#).

- Dr. Karl Kirkland will teach **Parenting Coordination**, February 24th. PCs help the courts with high conflict parents implementing parenting plans post divorce. The course runs from 9-4:30, 6 hours of CLE with 1 ethics. Cost is \$275. Lunch provided. Deadline, February 10th.
- Kimberly Schreiber, Esq. and Mr. Van Hohe will teach **Elder Mediation Unveiled**, March 1-2. This course focuses on working with multi-party groups while mediating cases related to the elderly. The course runs from 9-4 both days, 12 hours of CLE with 1 ethics. Cost is \$565. Lunch is provided. Deadline, February 17.
- Michael Ford, Esq., Debra Leo, Esq. and Judy Keegan, Esq. will teach **Navigate Roadblocks and Ethical Issues in Mediation** on March 23rd. Interactive class where everyone is a student and a teacher. From 9-3 with 5 hours CLE, 1 ethics. Cost is \$245. Lunch provided. Deadline, March 9.

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[Registration and other information.](#)

READ!

The December [Addendum](#) for an overview of the DR Section and Litigation Section panel discussion of what's to like and dislike about mediation.

The **order and complete text** of amendments to the Florida rules which require each party, 10 days prior to mediation, to file with the court and serve on all parties, a written notice of the person or persons who will attend mediation as a party rep or insurance carrier, and confirming they have the authority to settle.

[In re Amendments to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.720](#), No. SC10-2329 (Fla., November 3, 2011); [Claims Journal](#) (November 21, 2011) related article.

[It Takes Two to Untangle](#) , By Christie *Lyman* Dowling in the October Addendum

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