

Bench and Bar 393 University November 15, 2011

Mediation: Going well, challenges are the self represented clients who need ILA. Justice Czutrin supports the idea of having on site lawyer who are prepared to provide ILA and bill privately (unbundling). The issue has to be worked with LPIC by the private bar. Offsite mediation is increasing

DRO: Phil Epstein will be the new temporary chair for the DRO committee. A new chair has to be appointed by the beginning of next year
Michael Kleinman:

Artwork for the Halls: working on obtaining new art work for schools for the corridors. . Donations can be made by lawyers/firms for framing etc. Plaques will be placed under paintings for those who donate

Motions: Long motions are being schedules on Mondays now booking for March 12, 2012. An earlier date can be obtained if endorsed by a judge.
Trials: Week of March 12, 19 and April 22, 2012
Renovations: Still working on the 9th floor. They are working on having a ramp to go into court room 905.

Concerns: Conference rooms for the self represented. They are too close to each other when appearing in court (safety issue).

Friday uncontested motion: Cancelled as they are abused and end up being complex and contested. 23 C will be accepted from now on if no answer is filed.

Rule 17 has been amended to allow a referral by a judge to a DRO.

New judges: Michael Penny (January 2012)
Kevin Whitaker (Fall 2012)
Both have not done family law before

**Implementation committee meeting (393 University Avenue)
November 9, 2011**

Mediation:

There is a plan to advertise in the OR. Word of mouth is the main tool at present 393 mediation needs members of the bar to provide ILA on financial issues. They will do the mediation, however there is a need for outside counsel to be retained to provide advice. Family lawyers Association (as well as OBA and Advocates Society) should ask their members to try and get a list of lawyers who are interested. The list to be forwarded to 393 Mediate. Languages spoken by counsel other than English should be pointed out as well as areas of interest or expertise.

There will be a divorce mate training for the mediators on November 18, 2011

There is a new form (see attached) that will be filled by the judge when referring the matter to mediation (on site). That is the mediation for litigants who are in court on the day. If the issue can be resolved then it will and the form will be completed by the mediator and sent back to the judge. If the issue cannot be resolved, then the parties will be sent out to an off site mediation. There is a need for better communication between judges and mediators.

FLIC

Is a great asset as it has taken a great deal of pursue off the 10th floor

Internship-mediation

There will be 3 interns starting next year.

Renovations:

Court room 904 is not efficiently used at the present. At the present it is being used as a waiting area for FLIC. It will be turned back into a court room. The waiting area for FLIC will be in the corridor by the telephones. There is also a plan to have a TV there with information programs. Two of the payphones will be removed.

MIP Feedback: Great response from the bar. Not a great response from mental health professionals. The turn out is average. Clients are happy with it. They however need to be able to buy drinks and snacks at it are in the evening. Suggestions that it should take place twice a moth and not four times. Now it is every other week on Monday and Wednesday 5.30-8.30

Computers for lawyers

I will be working (FLA) with Georgian Carson and Cheryl Goldhart on setting a plan to have computers for lawyers possibly on the 8th floor (room has combination lock) as well as a printer. The issue is maintenance and supplies. There was a suggestion that the organizations can donate a yearly fee for such a service.

Communication
Btw. Med. &
Judiciary

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REFERRAL TO/FROM ON-SITE MEDIATION

To be completed by Parties and signed by referring Judge

DATE: _____

PARTIES: _____

JUDGE: _____

MOTION CASE CONFERENCE (circle one) or other

ISSUES(S) REFERRED TO BE MEDIATED:

To be completed
by mediator and
returned to Judge

Name of Mediator

OUTCOME: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/>	AGREEMENT (SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO AGREEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPROPRIATE FOR MEDIATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	REFERRED TO OFFSITE
<input type="checkbox"/>	REFERRED TO ADVICE OR DUTY COUNSEL

PARTIES OBTAINED LEGAL ADVICE FROM:

APPLICANT _____

RESPONDENT _____

MEDIATION REPORT ATTACHED TO CLIENT COPY? YES NO