

Michigan Association of Court Mediators  
Conference  
P.O. Box 7886  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

**Michigan Association of  
Court Mediators and  
the Michigan Judicial  
Institute Present:**

**24th Annual  
Advanced Mediation  
Training Conference  
Wednesday September 16 to  
Friday September 18, 2009**

**Featuring.....  
Barry Goldman,  
Rosalynn Bliss &  
Kent L. Weichmann**



Michigan Association  
of Court Mediators

**Registration Deadline: August 7, 2009**

## Presenters

**Barry Goldman, MA, JD** is a Michigan based arbitrator and mediator of workplace disputes. He serves as on the adjunct faculties at Wayne State University Law School and the Scheinman Institute on Dispute Resolution at Cornell University. He is the author of The Science of Negotiation.

The theory and practice of negotiation has developed substantially in the past 30 years. Now we can take advantage of advances in social psychology, behavioral economics, decision theory and cognitive science to become more effective, more knowledgeable mediators. Mr. Goldman will share information about negotiation strategies, including recent research, and how those strategies effect decision making, even in mediation.

**Rosalynn Bliss, LMSW**, is the Director of Kids-First, a program of St. Johns Home that provides emergency shelter care for abused and neglected children and youth in Kent County. The presentation will provide information about the impact that trauma has on a child's emotional, social, and physical development. Participants will learn about common reactions that children have to trauma, how to recognize trauma reactions and how to effectively respond to children and adolescents who are experiencing trauma reactions. In addition, resources and tools will be provided to participants who are interested in exploring this topic further.

**Kent L. Weichmann, JD**, an 18-year Friend of the Court Veteran, 10-years as the Washtenaw County Friend of the Court. Mr. Weichmann now has a solo practice which includes mediation, arbitration and parenting facilitation. He will present information regarding the 2009 Michigan Child Support Guidelines and implications for mediation(s), including parental time offset problems. Finally, Mr. Weichmann will present information about parenting facilitation & coordination and its uses/forms.

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## Conference Schedule

**Wednesday, September 16th:**  
**Rosalynn Bliss, LMSW**

**Noon - 1pm:** Registration

**1-5 pm:** "How Trauma Impacts Children and How You Can Help."

**5:30 pm:** Dinner

**Evening:** Hospitality and Networking

**Thursday, September 17th:**  
**Barry Goldman, MA, JD**

**8:30 am-noon:** The Science of Settlement.

**Noon-1 pm:** Lunch

**1- 4:30 pm:** The Science of Settlement.  
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**5:30 pm:** Dinner

**Evening:** Hospitality and Networking

**Friday, September 18th:**  
**Kent L. Weichmann, JD**

**8:30 am- 11:30 am:** 2009 Michigan Child Support Guidelines: Implications for Mediations, and Parent Facilitation/Coordination: Overview, usefulness, authority & models of faciliation.

Once again, this year's conference has been approved by the State Court Administrative Office as Advanced Mediation Training.



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### Sponsoring Organizations

The 24th Annual Advanced Mediation Training Conference is presented by the **Michigan Association of Court Mediators (MACM)** along with the **Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI)**.

### Continuing Education

In addition, as in past years, we again expect approval from the Continuing Social Work Education (CSWE) and the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) for at least ten units of continuing education (CE's). If you request CE credit, please let us know by checking the appropriate box on the registration form and submit \$25.00. Please note that you will need to bring your license number to the conference for attendance recording. You will be required to sign in and out of each presentation.



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You'll notice the conference price is the same as last year in our attempt to enable as many mediators as possible to attend this educational opportunity. Crystal Mountain Resort will also be providing special rates for lodging, golf and spa services before and after the conference. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please make arrangements directly with Crystal Mountain Resort in advance of the conference. Special rates: \$99 for Fri or Sat hotel room at crystal, golf for \$52 (M-Th) or \$57 (F-Sun) on Betsie Valley course. \$69 (M-Th) or \$79 (F-Sun) on Mountain Ridge course.



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### Questions:

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 Telephone: Julie Vredeveld (616)632-6847**

## MACM Conference 2009 Wednesday - Friday September 16-18, 2009

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$295 Conference Fee, including meals, double-occupancy lodging and MACM membership. Indicate roommate if preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80 additional for a single room

\_\_\_\_\_ \$195 Conference Fee, MACM membership and lunch 9-17-09 (no lodging or other meals)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Membership Only

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Please mail completed registration form with payment by **\*\*August 7, 2009.**

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