Continuing Mediation Education Seminars in Ft. Wayne Approved by Continuing Legal Education Commission for Civil and Domestic Relations Mediators

Friday, December 4, 2009:

2 hours Elder Mediation (10 to noon) & 4 hours Communication Skills (1 to 5)

Trainer Janet Mitchell, Attorney-Mediator, has served as director of the Midwest Mediation Center in Fort Wayne since 1986. Janet teaches basic and advanced mediation training, and has mediated over 1,000 disputes. She is experienced at utilizing mediation techniques. In addition to mediating and training, she works half-time as Mediation Coordinator at Bluffton University, and directs www.ElderCareMediators.com, the national elder mediator referral and information network that she co-founded. Janet has a degree in psychology and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1976.

Accreditation: Both seminars are approved for continuing mediation education (CME) credit by the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. Introduction to Elder Mediation is also approved for 1.6 hours of CLE, and both seminars' hours may also be submitted for non-legal CLE credit. Form at www.in.gov/judiciary/cle/forms/nls/nlsaccredit.pdf.*

Preregistration Required (see form below): To register or for information, go to the training link at www.JanetMitchellMediator.com, call (260) 483-8770, or email janetmitchell1@aol.com.

Seminar Location: Seminars held at Sleep Inn & Suites, (260) 490-8989, 2881 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 (by Bob Evans, Exit 116, northwest corner of I-69/Dupont) with special $65 room rate.

Seminar #1: Introduction to Elder Mediation

$100, Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, 10 - noon [2 CME & 1.6 hrs CLE, additional CLE info above*]

Elder Mediation is the newest branch to emerge in the mediation field. Learn how Elder Mediation works, the skills needed to be an effective Elder Mediator, and the ethical decisions involved in providing services to elders and their families. Trainer Janet Mitchell co-founded www.ElderCareMediators.com, a national information and elder mediator referral network with elder mediators in all 50 states. For more information on elder mediation, go to www.ElderCareMediators.com for articles, mediator listings, and the CBS and NPR broadcasts.

Elder mediation helps families work together in making effective decisions relating to aging parents, whether discussing driving, staying in the home, guardianship, financial and health concerns that need to be made in working with elders and their families.

Seminar #2: Advanced Communication Skills for Mediators

$200, Friday, December 4, 2009, 1 - 5 pm [4 CME. CLE information above*]

Improving your communication skills will help you be a more effective mediator. Learn reframing, laundering, I-statements, paraphrasing, purpose-stating, preference-stating, agreement-stating, matching, summarizing, validation, and other techniques.

The communication style training is based on *Style Profile for People at Work* by Susan Gilmore and Patrick Fraleigh. The key is understanding a variation of the Golden Rule. With styles, you "do unto others" what they would have you do unto them, not what you would want to have done for you. This simple premise has been expanded to include the steps in communicating based on style, learning your own style, understanding calm and storm conditions, the stress shift, and hot tips for communicating with someone of each of the four styles. Janet Mitchell has used the style materials since 1982 and believes it to be an important tool in helping people communicate more effectively. Working with styles, you will be able to paraphrase in the speaker's own preferred language, as well as design mediation processes that work.

----------Preregistration Form: CME Seminars----------

Send preregistration fee payable to "Janet E. Mitchell," 7503 Hosler Rd., Leo, IN 46765, or **email** janetmitchell1@aol.com **and pay with any credit card** through PayPal at www.janetmitchellmediator.com/training.html:

#1. Course # 122169 - Introduction to Elder Mediation (2 hrs CME & 1.6 CLE): $100, Friday, December 4, 10-12: _____

#2. Course # 122170 - Advanced communication skills for mediators Advanced Communication Skills for Mediators (4 hrs CME): $200, Friday, Dec 4, 1-5 pm: _____

1. My Full Name (for your certificate):

2. Work Telephone:

3. Fax:

4. Work Address:

5. Home Address (required by Supreme Court):

6. Home Phone:

7. My email and/or Website address (if any):

8. Mediator # if known: _____ (same as attorney # for attorneys)

9. I am (or have been) on the Civil Mediator Registry: yes/no.

10. I am (or have been) on the Domestic Relations Registry: yes/no.

FUTURE MEDIATION SEMINARS BY JANET MITCHELL: 6-Hour Eldercare Mediation CME *for civil and family mediators will be given in Indy on August 14, 2009 [6 CME, 3 CLE, including 1 ethics* ***40-Hour Domestic Relations Mediation Training*** *will be given in Indy on March 18-20 & April 9-10, 2010 [40 mediation, 24 CLE, including 6 ethics].*