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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017**

**8:30 AM TO 4:45 PM**



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Our 2017 program promises a plethora of tools and insights you can use in your next mediation, gleaned from nine “Trailblazers in Mediation” — fitting for being in “cowtown” and lucky for all of us! 6.25 hours CLE, incl. 3 hours ethics

8:00 am – 8:30 am **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

8:30 am – 8:45 am **WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION**  
Melanie E. Grimes

8:45 am – 9:45 am **PARADOX: UNCERTAINTY'S PATH TO RESILIENCE** (1.0 hour)

*Dr. Nina Rosoff, CEO of Global Leadership, Team and Organization Consultants and Author*

Little attention has been paid to flexibility, adaptability and the concept of paradox. How are you as mediators to be successful trailblazers if your behavior is not protean?

9:45 am – 10:30 am **WHAT EVERY MEDIATOR NEEDS TO KNOW FOR SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION INVOLVING THE LGBT COMMUNITY** (.75 hours; .5 ethics)

*Shelly L. Skeen, J.D., FCI Arb, Attorney, Mediator & Arbitrator*

Practical tips, tools and issue-spotting for creative and successful resolution of disputes involving the LGBT community, including the state of LGBT law, retroactivity of the Marriage Equality Decision, its implementation and future legal horizons.

10:30 am – 10:45 am **BREAK**

10:45 am – 11:45 am **MEDIATION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**  
(1.0 hours; .5 ethics)

*Justice Debra H. Lehrmann and Hon. Alvin L. Zimmerman*

Learn about recent mediation developments through the lens of the Supreme Court and also hear updates on the use of med/arb in Texas.

11:45 am – 12:00 pm **PRESENTATION OF TMCA'S OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALLED MEDIATOR AWARD AND JAMES GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH** (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **PATHWAYS OF SUCCESS** (.75 hours; .5 ethics)

*Hon. Mary Sean O'Reilly, Retired State District Judge*

Explore the challenges of family law mediation dynamics, including parent and child mental health issues, and the overall importance of having lawyers and parties well-prepared for negotiating solutions.

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm **PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN MEDIATION: PROMISES KEPT?**  
(.75 hours; .25 ethics)

*Nancy A. Welsh, Professor of Law and William Trickett Faculty Scholar, Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law; (as of September 1, 2017) Professor of Law and Director of Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law*

Mediation promises self-determination and procedural fairness. What is research revealing regarding mediation practices that are more (and less) likely to fulfill these promises? What is the role of ethics in protecting the fulfillment of these promises?

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