

The Association for Conflict Resolution - Chicago Chapter
Presents:

Disability, Age, and Capacity: Challenges for a Mediation Practice

Please join us for an interactive presentation and discussion of the many challenges a mediator may face when dealing with concerns of elder mediation, disabilities and the capacity to mediate. What is the difference between competency and decision-making capacity? What are specific ways to make the mediation process more accessible to persons with cognitive and physical disabilities? What steps can help a mediator to maximize participation? Please come prepared to discuss these questions as well as your own concerns!

About Our Speakers:

Elizabeth Gould is a licensed clinical social worker with 20 years of experience working with older adults. She is currently in state programs at the Alzheimer's Association. Prior to her current position, Elizabeth was on faculty in the Department of Social Welfare at UCLA and managed a large internship in geriatrics for graduate social work students at the Veterans Administration Health Care System in West Los Angeles. She has many years of clinical experience from the VA where she worked in geriatrics and extended care.

Elizabeth became a certified mediator with the Chicago Center for Conflict Resolution in April 2006 and has an interest in working with older adults and families in transition.

She holds a Masters degree in Social Work with a concentration in gerontology from California State University, Long Beach

Mac Steele is the Volunteer Director at the Center for Conflict Resolution. He is also currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Before moving to Chicago in August of 2010, Mac worked at the Safe Horizon Mediation Program, New York City's leading Community Dispute Resolution Center, in three different roles. In his most recent role as the Training Coordinator, Mac coordinated all mediation, conflict resolution, and communication skills trainings for the Safe Horizon Mediation program. Prior to this role, Mac served as an Outreach Coordinator and Case Manager for the Safe Horizon Mediation Program. Mac is a presenter, facilitator, arbitrator, and mediator who has experience working in a number of practice areas of conflict resolution, including schools-based mediation, lemon law arbitration, foreclosure mediation, family mediation, TBLG issues, and mediation in civil matters. Originally from Michigan, Mac attended Western Michigan University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Arts Administration.

Sue Bronson LCSW is a mediator, psychotherapist, and trainer in Milwaukee, WI where she has practiced since 1983. A pioneer of mediation, Sue is a Family Mediation Advanced Practitioner with her primary focus on mediating family disputes and the resolution of work place disputes. She has been selected as a mediator for US Postal Service disputes, Wisconsin Special Education disputes, and other rosters. Sue teaches

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mediation at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education and assists with mediation training at De Paul University in Illinois.

Sue is the current Chair of the Association of Conflict Resolution Elder Decision Making and Conflict Resolution Section, the former Chair of the Family Section, and a Charter member of Wisconsin Association of Mediators. As the lead author of the *Self-Assessment Tool for Mediators*, (published by the Wisconsin Association of Mediators and sold internationally and translated into Dutch, Spanish, and French) she encourages improving the quality of practice through education and self-reflection.

When: **Thursday, February 24, 2011**
5:30-6:00 pm - Registration and Reception
6:00-7:30 pm - Program

Where: **Lawrence, Kamin, Saunders & Uhlenhop, LLC**
300 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60606

Cost: **Free to ACR Chicago Members**
\$20.00 for the Public (new or renewal memberships accepted at door)

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