**SECURING AND PROMOTING PRO BONO MEDIATION SERVICES IN ALABAMA**

**The Alabama Mediator Roster Registration Standards** require pro bono mediation service from all registered mediators upon request.

*6. Be willing to provide, upon request, at least 10 hours annually of pro bono mediation services to the public.*

If an attorney, judge or party calls the Center for Dispute Resolution (Center) and requests mediation assistance we provide the names of local mediators, or we may actively call a mediator for them and ask for pro bono hours. Most of the time we give them names and they call.

**We promote pro bono mediation service with an award each year. The Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program** **in coordination with the Center** presents a pro bono mediator award at the Bar’s annual meeting. We make sure to acknowledge that person in the e-news along with other mediators who have reported pro bono time in their annual surveys (sample, below). We also make sure to publish the list in the *Alabama Lawyer* which is distributed to all lawyers in Alabama. We try to acknowledge mediators in a special way.

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*October was also Pro Bono Month!*

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| Jana Garner **Jana Garner** |

Linda Lund, Esq. is a wonderful leader for the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Jana Garner was this year’s pro bono mediator recognized at the ASB annual meeting in July.

Thanks, Jana for all your efforts!

**We also want to acknowledge the following mediators who provided pro bono mediation time.  Thank you!**

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| Beverly Baker J. Payne Baker Robert Barr Robert Boliek Sarah Bowers Robin Burrell William Caughran L. Brian Chunn David Coleman Cedrick Coleman Louis Colley Martha Reeves Cook George Copeland Timothy Culpepper Donald Fazekas R.A. “Sonny” Ferguson Charles Fleming Anton Gaede Jana Garner J. Kirkman Garrett Michael Hammick Arthur Hanes | R. David Hendrickson L.D. Holt Leslie Johnson Sharon Johnston John Karrh Stephanie Kemmer Ross Kinder Sammye Kok John “Jack” Lavette Richard Mauk Rodney Max J. Wesley McCollum H. Edward McFerrin Elizabeth McGlaughn George McMillan Virginia Miller R. Boyd Miller Jameria Moore Brock Murphy Horace O’Neal Ann Ott William Ratliff | Ferris Ritchey James Rives Christina Robinson Holly Sawyer Stephen Sexton Morris “Bo” Shaw Allison Skinner Donna Smalley Elizabeth Smithart Angeline Sperling Ron Storey Edward “Ted” Strong Mark Taupeka Michael Upchurch Michael Walls James Walter W. Watson John Webb LaShunta White-Boler Richard Whittaker Bruce Williams |

**We require pro bono time in any program when the Center has written a grant in order to be able to pay mediators**. For example, the Parents are Forever Family Mediation Program provides free mediation in divorce or custody cases when the family income is less than $75,000 and there are children. Parents are able to work with a registered mediator to construct a parenting plan and a financial plan. The mediator is required to give pro bono time to each case and must report that time to the Center in his or her confidential case report and invoice when requesting payment.

**We ask mediators to report their pro bono mediation time** in the annual survey that they do when renewing memberships each year. The survey covers the prior year – we will be collecting statistics for 2015 when 2016 renewal begins.

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