**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 BakerJ. Payne BakerRobert BarrRobert BoliekSarah BowersRobin BurrellWilliam CaughranL. Brian ChunnDavid ColemanCedrick ColemanLouis ColleyMartha Reeves CookGeorge CopelandTimothy CulpepperDonald FazekasR.A. “Sonny” FergusonCharles FlemingAnton GaedeJana GarnerJ. Kirkman GarrettMichael HammickArthur Hanes | R. David HendricksonL.D. HoltLeslie JohnsonSharon JohnstonJohn KarrhStephanie KemmerRoss KinderSammye KokJohn “Jack” LavetteRichard MaukRodney MaxJ. Wesley McCollumH. Edward McFerrinElizabeth McGlaughnGeorge McMillanVirginia MillerR. Boyd MillerJameria MooreBrock MurphyHorace O’NealAnn OttWilliam Ratliff  | Ferris RitcheyJames RivesChristina RobinsonHolly SawyerStephen SextonMorris “Bo” ShawAllison SkinnerDonna SmalleyElizabeth SmithartAngeline SperlingRon StoreyEdward “Ted” StrongMark TaupekaMichael UpchurchMichael WallsJames WalterW. WatsonJohn WebbLaShunta White-BolerRichard WhittakerBruce 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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