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NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFLICT RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION (NHCRA)

ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBER

(NASHUA, NH) – The New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association (NHCRA), a statewide, non-profit organization representing mediators, arbitrators, and other “alternative dispute resolution” professionals, recently elected new officers and a new board member.

Ellen Dinerstein was elected president. The founder of Mediation Services of New England, Ellen has managed a private mediation practice since 1998. She has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Hampshire and became a New Hampshire Certified Marital Mediator in 2000. Along with her private practice, Ellen has done court-appointed mediation for the past six years. She lives in Hancock, NH.

Joan Gross, a New Hampshire Certified Marital Mediator and Guardian ad Litem, was elected secretary of NHCRA. She has worked in the legal field for over 20 years, including 15 years as a paralegal in domestic litigation. She was a volunteer with the Strafford County Family Mediation Program for 10 years, and in 1999 founded Resolve Mediation Services. She lives in Dover, NH.

Elizabeth Christensen was elected treasurer. The founder of Mosaic Mediation in Windham, NH, Elizabeth is a New Hampshire Certified Marital Mediator, a court-appointed divorce and

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small claims mediator, a volunteer family mediator, and a Justice of the Peace. She holds a Master of Business Administration Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with additional education in civil engineering. She is also a past president of NHCRA.

NHCRA's newest board member is Melinda Gehris, an attorney with Devine Millimet and director of Devine Resolutions, LLC, in Concord, NH. Melinda has served as a neutral evaluator since 1994 and mediates in both court and private settings. She is a mediator for the New Hampshire Probate and Superior Courts. In addition to publishing several articles on dispute resolution topics, Melinda has been appointed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution and served as president and treasurer for the New England chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution.

Other NHCRA board members include Wendy Lasch-Williams, Bristol, NH; Cindy Clark, JD, Manchester, NH; Frank Marafiote, Gilford, NH; Gail Morrison, JD, Sanbornton, NH; Sally Stalker, Nashua, NH; Carol Stewart, Nashua, NH, and Bobbi Sym, Nashua, NH

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The non-profit New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association ([www.nhcra.org](http://www.nhcra.org)) is the leading advocate and contact point in New Hampshire for mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services. Its members include community and court-appointed mediators, ADR professionals, attorneys, and others interested in conflict resolution.