

CORE COMPETENCY 5 - OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Garibaldi Inn is a co-sponsor of ADR Day, an all day program since the Inn's inception, which highlights new issues, brings in outside speakers and provides a networking opportunity for neutrals, including mediators and arbitrators. Although a co-sponsor, the primary organization, planning, support and participation in presentations is made up of Garibaldi Inn members.

The Garibaldi Inn was instrumental in creating a Court Mediation Program for both civil and family cases in New Jersey in or about the time that the Inn was first formed. In order to create a cadre of mediators, the Inn, through the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education ("ICLE"), has provided the principal basic and advanced mediation courses to the bench and bar, utilizing its experienced members as instructors. The Inn has taught a 22 hour basic civil mediation course, 4 hour advanced mediation courses and 40 hour family mediation courses twice yearly. Lawyers and otherwise qualified mediator candidates throughout New Jersey (about 2,000) have been trained by the Inn members as a prerequisite to being listed on the Court roster to enable them to accept Superior Court cases.

Additionally, Garibaldi Inn members have served and continue to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court Complementary Dispute Resolution Committee and Supreme Court Arbitration Advisory Committee, which advises the Court on ADR policy issued and recommends Court rules to be implemented by the Supreme Court. The Garibaldi Inn members through ICLE have provided the instructors for basic and annual renewal arbitration training for arbitrators who qualify to be on each of the twenty-one (21) vicinage arbitrator panels throughout the State. Garibaldi Inn members have produced and act in Court sponsored videotapes utilized in the training sessions.

Our officers and Board members regularly participate in community outreach activities. For instance, our webmaster, Denise Wennogle, volunteers at the Women's Center at the County College of Morris. She regularly gives a seminar as part of their divorce series. One session, in particular, is specifically about Alternate Dispute Resolution (Mediation, Arbitration and Negotiation) in divorce and collaborative divorce. Our President, Terri Reicher, regularly presents programs about Living Wills, POLST documents and other key issues dealing with Conflict Resolution at the End of Life. She does these programs in numerous settings, including local hospitals, adult and assisted living communities, local bar Associations and senior groups. In addition, she regularly presents such programs at a local university to introduce these concepts to students and staff, so that they can share this information with their families.