

Mediation Program Begins in Bankruptcy Court

Boyd Law School Provides Trained Mediators
*Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution Faculty
to Supervise Program.*



Beginning Wednesday, January 21, 2009, and continuing each Wednesday thereafter, Boyd Law School will provide *pro bono* mediation services at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Trained mediators will be available from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm to assist people with their bankruptcy issues, including matters such as determining whether a debt is dischargeable or developing a payment plan.

There is no risk in attempting to mediate your bankruptcy matter. If the mediation is unsuccessful you still are entitled to go to court. But if the issues are resolved successfully you can save much time, money, and aggravation.

Attorneys are encouraged to talk to their clients about this free service. Pro se petitioners are welcome to use the service, too.

If you have further questions, please call Professor Ray Patterson at 702-895-2333.

What is Mediation?

For those unfamiliar with the process, mediation can be best described as assisted negotiation. The mediator is there to help parties clarify their issues and seek creative solutions that might help the creditor and debtor find satisfaction with the resolution.

People who participate in mediation generally find it is quicker, less expensive, and more satisfying than going to court. If the parties to a mediation are seriously interested in finding a solution that is satisfactory to everyone, the likelihood of success is high.

-Ray Patterson-

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