

# The Insider

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Your Monthly Source for What's Happening at the DRC



Baby, its cold outside; stay inside and Mediate.

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## Fast Facts from November

29 Mediations

10 Agreements

39 Volunteer Hours

### Upcoming Events

12/11- Board of Directors Meeting

12/11- FV Supplemental Training

12/13- Muffins with Mediators

12/22- DRC Office Closed

12/25- DRC Office Closed

12/29- DRC Office Closed

Visit our website at [www.bvdrc.org](http://www.bvdrc.org) for more details and times.



## Attorney Corner

Did you know.....

The DRC offers both half and full day mediations. Half day mediations can either be 8:30-12:30 or 1:00-5:00, and full day mediations run from 8:30-5:00. Lunch can be ordered in for full or half day mediations.

The DRC has phone and video conferencing options available during mediation. Please let our office know if you are interested in these features.

\*Remember, you can view our scheduling calendar online at [www.bvdrc.org](http://www.bvdrc.org).\*

Why do all Family Mediators have to take the Family Violence Supplemental Training?

Effective September 1, 2017, SB 539 changed the Texas ADR Code (Civil Practice & Remedies Code), Section 154.052(b) to include "a minimum of four hours of family violence dynamics training developed in consultation with a statewide family violence advocacy organization."

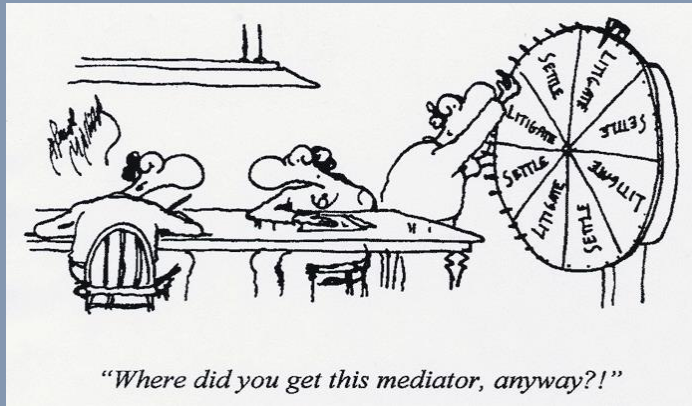
Current family mediators are "not required to comply with the requirements imposed by that section, as amended by this Act, until January 1, 2018."

## Board Member Highlight



Kassi Horner

Kassi is the current Vice Chair on our Board of Directors, and will be taking over the Chair position in January. She is also the Director of Philanthropy at Baylor Scott and White-Central Texas Foundation. Before working with Scott and White, Kassi was a practicing family attorney.



**Mediator Birthdays**  
**Jean Phelps- Dec 4th**

1 in 10 people burn themselves when setting fire to the Christmas pudding.

Americans send 1.5 billion Christmas cards annually.

During the 12 days of Christmas, more than 90,000 people worldwide will visit the ER with "decorating" related incidents.

**Mediator Minute**

**Would you like more training on a specific topic? (Neutrality, How to Break An Impasse, Dealing with Pro Se Mediations, etc.) Then join us for our monthly Muffins with Mediators or quarterly Roundtables.**

**At Muffins with Mediators, we spend an hour each month reviewing relevant mediation topics with breakfast snacks. Topics range from dealing with different types of personalities to listening skills.**

**At the Roundtables, we spend 2-3 hours on a more in depth training such as mediating without attorneys, maintaining neutrality, and understanding the local court systems.**

**Board of Directors**

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