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*County Court Mediation Services Quarterly* **NEWSLETTER**

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COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

*Hi CCMS Mediators, I'm honored to be working with professional and visionary board members. I am proud and pleased with the direction CCMS is headed. I have included a brief update on the new CCMS board's accomplishments. CCMS is clearly on an upward trajectory as seen by the following actions taken by the Board and Executive Director.*

- *Three new CCMS volunteer mediators.*
- *Increasing opportunities for CME's in our Circuit.*
  - *No-Show mediator Policy.*
  - *New return message policy.*
- *Appreciation banquet mediator driven.*
- *Leadership activities and techniques for board members.*
- *Welcomed interaction between board members and mediators.*
  - *All open and transparent board.*
- *New Circuit 7 CCMS mediator newsletter.*
  - *Plus, more in the works.....*

*CCMS has had its share of bumps through the years but has always provided the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit with the best mediators in the State of Florida. I am excited and confident the upward trajectory will continue with our current CCMS Board.*

*Thank you for your service to CCMS,*

*Jodee Cook*

*CCMS Board Chair*

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*Spotlight: Get to Know Get Each Other: Each Newsletter will feature two individuals from within the CCMS organization or the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Justice System.*



*Jodee Cook: Current CCMS Board Chair*

*A little background about Jodee: She has been mediating for CCMS for 11 years and currently mediates in Deland, Florida. Jodee has a background in Business/Education/Entrepreneur & Talent.*

*1. What have you learned from volunteering at CCMS?*

- *How to truly be a good listener.*
- *Never Judge.*
- *The art of asking the right question.*
- *PATIENCE*

*2. Do you have a favorite quote?*

- *“I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one.” Maya Angelo*

*3. If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?*

- *Seriously? I love history.... So, it is really hard to just list one event!!! I would go with watching Wilbur and Orville Wright on December 17, 1903 make four brief flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.... witnessing the first powered aircraft to fly!!!!*

*4. List three words that describe you.*

- *Positive*
- *Generous (To a fault!!!)*
- *Fixer/healer*

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*Spotlight: Get to Know One Another:*



*Honorable Dawn Fields:*

*A little background about Judge Dawn Fields: She was elected to the bench in 2006. Before becoming a judge, she was an assistant state attorney for the office of the State Attorney, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, and a high school math teacher. Judge Fields earned her Master's Degree from UCF and her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia.*

*1. How do you define success?*

- Success is when others feel content, secure, respected, and joyful in my presence or just the thought of me brings me them*

*2. How would you describe your day job to a child?*

- I am a person who has gone to lots of school and been trained to settle people's problems and issues, and sometimes I have to put big people in "time-out."*

*3. Are you an introvert or extrovert?*

- Extremely extroverted; I will have dinner with strangers that I just met standing in line at the restaurant.*

*4. Do you have a personal mantra or moto?*

- Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass..... it's about learning to dance in the rain.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Training:**

**April 1st 2019:** 9 a.m.-11:00a.m: Meryl Baker presenting Cultural Diversity

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019:** 12:30 p.m.- 4:30p.m.: Christy Foley presenting Meac Opinions, Ethics

**April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019:** 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.: Spencer Punnett presenting What's on Your Mind? Questions & Issues Raised by CCMS Mediators

**DRC Conference:** August 15-17, 2019  
JW Marriott, Grande Lakes Orlando

**Board Meetings:** April 8, 2019, June 10, 2019, August 12, 2019, September 26, 2019, October 14, 2019, and December 9, 2019.

All CCMS mediators are invited to attend any and all CCMS board meeting.