NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT'S
STATEWIDE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

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2016 EXCELLENCE IN ADR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The New Mexico Supreme Court's Statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission is pleased to announce the recipients of an annual award recognizing achievement in court-connected dispute resolution services.

The Metropolitan Court's Mediation Division was honored for its 30 years of public service at a celebration held last month in Albuquerque. Susan Barnes-Anderson, Mediation Division program director, accepted the 2016 Excellence in ADR Award on behalf of the program in recognition of an outstanding, innovative and leading dispute resolution program and for outstanding service to the Judiciary and the citizens of New Mexico.

Louise Baca Sena, director of the Court Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts, was honored at her retirement celebration on Nov. 3 in Santa Fe with the 2016 Excellence in ADR Award for her outstanding career, innovative leadership, and service to create meaningful and effective dispute resolution services for the benefit of the judiciary and the citizens of New Mexico.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) encompasses a wide variety of methods that are used to resolve conflicts between people. Mediation, settlement facilitation and arbitration are common forms of ADR offered by courts as less expensive and quicker alternatives for folks who wish to avoid a full court process. Mediation provides an opportunity for individuals who are in a dispute to discuss concerns and to design a mutually satisfying resolution to some or all of the issues with the help of a trained professional.

The Statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission was formed by the New Mexico Supreme Court in 2011 to help develop, organize and monitor court-connected ADR services across the state. The commission provides resources to the courts and the public, and recognizes local innovation and success in state court ADR programs and services. More information can be found online at: https://alternativedisputeresolution.nmcourts.gov/

Caption information for attached award ceremony photo, left to right: Retired District Court Judge Tommy Jewell, Metropolitan Court CEO Robert L. Padilla, Mediation Division Program Director Susan Barnes-Anderson, Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Henry A. Alaniz, Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels, Sen. Cisco McSorley of Albuquerque, and David Levin, Statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission Chair.

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