

NEWSLETTER #1 by Howard E. Warren

This is volume 1 issue 1 of a newsletter on topics relating to mediation and arbitration. We may spend some time talking about the Blue Jays, but as for the Leafs, you'll just have to wait until next year – go figure. As far as I know, there are no regularly published mediation newsletters in the GTA. If you know of one, please let me know, so I can plagiarize it.

My distribution list includes lawyers, mediators, arbitrators and normal people. If you're one of the former categories, please be patient, while I bring the latter folks up to speed on terms, which are known only to those toward whom Shakespeare felt homicidal.

We'll start with a few definitions and move on to topics to bring a shiver, such as evaluative vs. facilitative; power imbalances; etc. It'll be a thrilling ride, so please remain seated until the ride comes to a full stop.

The first definition naturally goes to "mediation". Simply, it's facilitated negotiation. A mediator helps parties come together and create a deal to resolve a dispute. How the mediator gets you there and the preparation involved will form part of thrilling installments to come.

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