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John Palmer to Serve as Panelist for the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

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Event

Naman Howell Attorney John Palmer will be serving as a luncheon panelist on "Mediator Best Practices During the Initial Mediation Session". The panel hosted by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (TMCA), a multidisciplinary association of mediators, serves to foster the education and practice of licensed mediators in Texas.

Palmer who was the ADR Section Chair, for the State Bar of Texas at the time, created an ad hoc committee of representatives of leading mediator organizations to explore the possibility of a voluntary credentialing plan for Texas.

Members of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas School of Law, the Texas Association of Mediators, the Texas Mediation Trainers Roundtable, the College of Texas Mediators, the Texas Dispute Resolution Centers Directors Council, and the Association of Attorney Mediators, donated time and energy to establish voluntary, statewide credentialing. Along with representatives of the public, the judiciary, and education, worked together over a seven-year period to develop the first statewide, voluntary, multi-disciplinary credentialing program in the United States. The group, initially recognized as the Texas Mediator Credentialing Committee, later became the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (TMCA) in 2001.

Information obtained from the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

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