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2012 ANNUAL TAM CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 24 - 25, 2012

THE WOODLANDS RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

Join us at the 2012 Texas Association of Mediators Conference  
Featuring three Keynote Speakers who are renowned leaders in the field:

**Michelle LeBaron, Colin Rule and Bernie Mayer**

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

**10.5 hours including up to 5.5 hours of ethics credit**

Attendance at the TAM conference applies toward TAM's annual continuing education requirements for members and may apply toward maintaining credentialed status with TMCA. Certificates of attendance will be available at the conclusion of the conference for both attendees and speakers. TAM will also apply for The State Bar of Texas MCLE accreditation. TAM is registered with Texas State Board of Public Accountancy as a CPE sponsor. This registration does not constitute an endorsement by the Board as to the quality of our CPE program. Each CPA must determine which sessions will enhance their professional competency. TAM is approved by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners as a Licensed Social Worker CE provider.

### CONFERENCE SESSION MATERIALS AND HANDOUTS

A password-protected page on the TAM website will house in PDF all conference materials. These materials will be available for download/printing by conference registrants two weeks prior to the conference and preclude such materials being distributed in a binder or on CD at the conference. Prior to the conference, we will encourage registrants to choose the sessions they wish to attend and, if they wish, download and print the related materials ahead of time. For their convenience, we will also leave the materials on the TAM website for a month following the conference.

**You must be a confirmed registrant to access the session materials and handouts.**

### CONFERENCE CHAIRS

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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Full-Time Students

If you wish to register at the student rate, you must provide verification of full-time status at the time of registration.

#### Cancellations – Refunds and Substitutions

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. A full refund, minus a \$50.00 administrative charge, will be made for cancellations postmarked, emailed or faxed by February 1, 2012. The cancellation will be acknowledged upon receipt; however, the refund will not be issued until after the Annual Conference. Attendee substitutions are permitted at any time upon written notice from the original registrant. The appropriate member/non-member rate will apply to the substitute attendee. Send your request for a refund or a notice of substitution by email to: TAMconference@gmail.com or by fax to 409-744-3717 or by mail to P.O. Box 2537, Galveston, Texas 77553-2537.

### CONFERENCE HOTEL & RESERVATIONS

#### The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center

**2301 N. Millbend Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, 77380**

In keeping with the "get away" concept the conference will be held at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center, near Houston. This beautiful resort is nestled in 28,000 acres of forest preserve, 30 minutes north of Houston, yet easily accessible from Highway I-45. It is close to The Woodlands Mall and The Woodlands Waterway, but has a cozy "away in the woods" feel.

#### Rates and Important Booking Information

We strive each year to provide our members with the best possible conference at the best possible price. Pricing for our conference facilities this year is dependent upon the corresponding hotel bookings at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center. To receive the discounted room rate of \$159.00 (pre-tax) and to be "counted" as a part of the TAM group, **you must make your reservations by phone by January 25, 2012 and use ID #60Y4GJ.** The number for Woodlands Resort and Conference Center is 1-800-433-2624 or 281-367-1100. Parking at the hotel is free.

### TAM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Use the following form if you prefer to mail in your information and pay by check. Please return completed form with check payable to: TAM PO Box 2537 Galveston, Texas 77553-2537.

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#### 2012 Members, Candidates or Friends Registration Rates

\_\_\_ \$230.00 Regular Registration  
\_\_\_ \$255.00 Late Registration—after February 1, 2012

Include 2012 dues with your registration to receive the member rates. New member forms and information can be found on the TAM website.

\_\_\_ \$75.00 Full Member  
\_\_\_ \$45.00 Candidate for Membership  
\_\_\_ \$50.00 Friend of TAM

#### Non-Member Registration Rates

\_\_\_ \$310.00 Regular Registration  
\_\_\_ \$330.00 Late Registration (after February 1, 2012)  
\_\_\_ \$150.00 Full Time Student Registration  
\_\_\_ \$199.00 Conference Speakers and Presenters

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## TAM CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Friday, February 24

- 9:00 am Registration Opens - Continental Breakfast  
10:45 am Welcoming Remarks  
11:00 am **Opening Keynote – Michelle LeBaron**  
**1.25 hrs.**  
*Mediation, Maps and Mysteries: Have Mediators Lost Their Way in the Forest?*
- 12:30 pm Lunch in the Woodlands Dining Room  
1:30 pm **Plenary Session with Michelle LeBaron**  
**1.0 hr. (.5 Ethics)**  
*Intercultural Considerations in Mediation*
- 2:30 pm Break  
2:45 pm **First Concurrent Sessions 1.25 hrs.**  
*What Happens When an Irresistible Force Meets an Immovable Object? (.25 Ethics)*  
Stephen J. Schechter  
*Mediator Ethics: Up Close and Personal (1.25 Ethics)*  
John Kenyon  
*The Evolution of a Dispute Resolution Center*  
Anna Bartkowski, Walter Krudop, and  
Walter Wright  
*Class Warfare at the Mediation Table*  
Ramah Bernard
- 4:00 pm Break  
4:15 pm **Second Concurrent Sessions 1.25 hrs.**  
*Mediation Confidentiality (1.25 Ethics)*  
Gene Roberts  
*Community-based Alternative Dispute Resolution: the Ismaili Muslim Experience*  
Celina Shariff  
*Using Financial Planning Techniques in Excel to Help Resolve a Divorce Mediation*  
Patricia Barrett and Emanuel J. Caiati  
*Arbitration 101*  
Ben DeVries
- 6 - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception

### Saturday, February 25

- 7:00 am Continental Breakfast Opens  
8:15 am Welcome and Announcements  
8:30 am **Keynote Address– Colin Rule 1.0 hr.**  
**(.25 Ethics)**  
*Using Technology to Find a Way in the Woods: The Brave New World of Online Dispute Resolution*
- 9:30 am Break  
9:45 am **Third Concurrent Sessions 1.25 hrs**  
*Changing your Mind or Changing your Memory*  
John Kenyon  
*Finding a Way Towards Cooperative Parenting Using Parenting Coordinators or Facilitators*  
Shawn Edwards  
*Conflict Resolution Education is Jammin' in Texas*  
Margaret Leeds  
*Ethics Challenges Arising From Peoples' Use of Language in Mediation (1.25 Ethics)*  
Charles Cannon, Walter Krudop
- 11:00 am Break  
11:15 am **Fourth Concurrent Sessions 1.25 hrs**  
*SOS-Semantics of Self in Conflict™ (.5 Ethics)*  
Barbara S. Manouso  
*Workplace Bullying: The Super Hero that Lives Within Each of Us*  
Esque L. Walker  
*A Mediator's GPS to Successfully Handle Money Matters in Divorce*  
Laury Adams  
*Session Title TBA*  
Kimberlee Kovach
- 12:30 pm Lunch in the Woodlands Dining Room  
1:30 pm **TAM Annual Meeting - Susanne Adams Award Presentation**  
**Keynote Address – Bernie Mayer 1.0 hr**  
*Competition and Cooperation: Seeing the Forest and the Trees*
- 2:00 pm  
3:00 pm Break  
3:15 pm **Plenary Session with Bernie Mayer 1.25 hrs.**  
**(.5 Ethics)**  
*Dealing with Power and Communication in Long Term Conflicts*
- 4:30 pm Conference Adjourns

## Register Online!

Register for the TAM conference on our website, [www.txmediator.org](http://www.txmediator.org). Pay the registration fee by credit card. Credit card payment is available only online through PayPal. For accuracy we encourage you to use the online forms. **Regular registration deadline: February 1, 2012.**



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**Deadline for inclusion in Conference Program: January 31, 2012.**