

# Mediation Services

The Denver Board of REALTORS® has reached an agreement with the Denver Bar Association's Volunteer Court Mediation Program to provide inexpensive and professional mediation services to buyers and sellers of real estate. We are proud to offer this service and feel it will benefit brokers as well as their clients by resolving disputes quickly and inexpensively. All fees for this program are paid by the buyer and seller. The cost is \$125 per party, payable in advance, for a two-hour mediation with an experienced program mediator. Payments benefit the Denver Bar Association's Volunteer Court Mediation Program.

## **What is Mediation?**

Mediation is a form of facilitated negotiation in which an impartial third party attempts to help disputing parties reach a mutually satisfactory solution to their problems.

## **When Should I Recommend Mediation For My Client?**

For any dispute with a dollar value under \$15,000 where relationship, time, stress and reputation are worth saving.

## **What are the Advantages of Mediation?**

A mediator enables the parties to determine promptly whether there is a reasonable possibility of settling a dispute.

- Mediation saves time
- Mediation can salvage relationships
- Mediation is consensual and the ultimate solution is in the hands of the parties
- Mediation is confidential
- Mediation costs less than litigation

## **How Can I Access the Denver Bar Association Mediation Program?**

Call Jacquie Wolff at the Denver Board of REALTORS® office (303) 756-0553 or email her at [jwolff@denverrealtors.org](mailto:jwolff@denverrealtors.org).

## **What Then?**

Be prepared to provide names, addresses and phone numbers for the parties who have chosen to participate in mediation. The mediator will promptly contact all the parties and arrange for a convenient time for the mediation to take place. Parties will meet with an experienced program mediator at the offices of the Denver Board of REALTORS®, or an alternative location, for a two-hour mediation. The cost is \$125 per party, payable in advance to the Denver Bar Association. The fee covers all preparation and intake time and is non refundable. If the mediation takes more than two hours, the parties and mediator will agree upon an applicable rate for any additional time.