



Conference News at a Glance

Welcome to the OMA 23rd Annual Fall Conference! – In this bulletin you'll find news you can use to have a great conference experience. If you have any questions about the Conference, please visit the Help Desk or ask a Conference Committee member for assistance. Thank you for being here and have a wonderful Conference!

Lost and Found – Please turn in lost and found items to the OMA Help Desk. Also, please keep valuables with you at all times. Rooms will not be locked during breaks and mealtimes.

Special Needs – If you have any special needs while you are attending the Conference, please stop by the Conference Help Desk and we will do our best to assist you.

Telephones & Cell Phones – Out of respect for others attending the Conference, please make sure your cell phones are turned off or on "silent mode" when you are in sessions and at mealtimes. If you need to take a call during a session, please make sure you go to another room in order not to disturb others.

CLE Credits – If you are requesting credits, you need to sign up at the CLE table in the registration area.

Social Workers: You may earn up to a maximum of 11.5 hours: 6.25 hrs. on Friday and 5.25 hrs. on Saturday. You must sign in at the beginning of the Conference. At the end of the Conference, you will need to visit the CLE table to complete a NASW evaluation (separate from the OMA Conference evaluation) and receive your certificate.

Oregon Bar Members: You may earn up to a maximum of 9.75 hours. This includes up to 6 Access to Justice credits and up to 3.75 general/practical skills credits. Sessions 1d, 1e, 2b/3b, 2e, and 6d qualify for Access to Justice credits. All other workshops qualify for general/practical skills credits *except* Sessions 2a/3a and 4a do not qualify for any credits. If you are interested in CLE credits, make sure you stop by the CLE table in the registration area to make sure your name is on the list.

Conference Meals – All Conference Registrants will have meal tickets (located in back of your name tag) for Friday and Saturday lunches. If you requested a vegetarian or vegan meal, you should have received Veggie meal tickets behind your nametag. On Friday, please be prepared to hand your meal ticket to the volunteer when you pick up your box lunch. On Saturday, please place your meal ticket by your plate to alert our servers.

The Internet – Please note that free Wi-Fi is *not* available at the Law School where most Conference sessions will be held.

Conference CDs and Handbooks – Based on the preference you indicated when you registered, you will receive *either* a Conference CD or a Handbook that includes Conference materials for many conference sessions. Additional copies of the CD or handbook will be available for purchase at the registration table as long as supplies last.

Join OMA and get involved! – Stop by the OMA Member Services table to learn about membership benefits, OMA committees & special interest groups and upcoming events such as the March 18th Awards Gala. Find out how you can be more involved in this fabulous professional network.

Save the Date and Help Us Plan Give Peace a Dance! – For the first time ever, OMA is planning a new and exciting awards gala, dinner and fundraising event on March 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tiffany Center in Portland. Save this date to be a part of a magical evening of *Fun, Frolic* and *Fabulous* company along with food, drinks and entertainment. If you'd like to help plan this event, please contact co-conveners Molly Keating at (503) 245-7461 or mk@mollykeating.com or Karen Hannan (503) 287-1200 or khannan@pacifier.com.

Stay Fit at the Conference – If you'd like to get a little exercise while you're at the Conference, you can purchase a \$5.00 daily pass for the University of Oregon Recreation Center at 1320 SE 15th Ave. The Center includes a cardio room, weight room, basketball courts, an indoor track, swimming pool and squash and racquetball courts. The center is open 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Visit the Conference Book Display – Be sure to check out the University of Oregon Bookstore table where you can find books recommended by Larry Susskind, Conference keynoter, and our workshop presenters. The book display will be located in the Court Café adjacent to the Law School Commons on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and in the Law School Commons itself from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, the book display will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Law School Commons.

Meet Larry Susskind! – We are very pleased to have Larry Susskind as our keynote speaker. He'll be with us throughout the Conference. At the Saturday luncheon, Larry will be speaking on Mediating Values-Based and Identity-Based Disputes followed by a Question and Answer period. We're offering a special opportunity for 8 Conference participants to meet with Larry individually for fifteen minutes each either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. We're scheduling one-on-one meet and greets with Larry from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday. If you'd like to meet with Larry, sign up at the Conference Help Desk. If more than eight people want to meet with him, we will randomly pull names out of a hat. Don't miss this great opportunity for an interesting conversation!

Don't Forget to Vote! – We are very excited to be choosing new members of the OMA Board of Directors. If you are a current OMA member, please fill out your ballot and return it to at the Member Services Table.

OMA Raffle Baskets – As is long-standing tradition, many of Oregon's Community Dispute Resolution Centers have donated baskets for the Conference Raffle. Buy some raffle tickets, help support OMA and maybe you'll be a lucky winner!

Take a Break! – The Conference schedule includes several short breaks in between sessions. Feel free to network, relax, or even check out the Conference book display. During the Friday 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. break we are offering two brief optional activities. Barry Nobel will lead a brief Mindfulness Meditation in Room 175. Julie Sorick will lead an introduction to Numerology in Room 178 (limited to 8 people). Join other Conference participants for some fun and exploration!

Send a Superhero-gram! – Is there someone attending the Conference you think is *super*? Stop by the Conference Help Desk and complete a complimentary Superhero-Gram. One of our trusty Conference Volunteers will deliver it to your Superhero if we know where to find them or you can deliver it to the person yourself. Let someone know they've made a difference. No limit on Superhero-grams while supplies last!

Copying Services – Copying services are available in the University of Oregon School of Law Library at the coin-operated copying machines.

Friday Networking Lunch – During Friday's lunch in Agate Hall, you'll have an opportunity to connect with other people who share your mediation interests. If the table you wanted is full, find another or feel free to start your own. The following Networking Tables will be available, located in alphabetical order starting in the front of the room. Small Claims and FED Mediation; Employment & Workplace Mediation; Family Mediation and Parent-Teen Mediation; Community Mediation; Restorative Justice; Public Policy Mediation; Conference Buddies; Elder Mediation; Domestic Relations; Education Mediation; and Business Mediation. If you would like to have a networking table on another topic, we'll have some extra table signs available when you enter Agate Hall. Just ask a volunteer for a sign and you can start a table on your own topic.

Friday Evening Reception & Silent Auction – Please join us for the OMA Reception and Silent Auction in the Law School Commons. Come meet other conference attendees, enjoy refreshments (including a cash bar), relax at the end of a full day, and bid on fabulous auction items donated by OMA members and friends.

Friday Dinner (On Your Own) – Interested in joining other OMA members for a delicious dinner and socializing following the Reception & Silent Auction? Meet at the Registration Table at 7:15 p.m. to connect with others and find a restaurant that satisfies your tastes!

Saturday OMA Membership Breakfast – Please join other OMA members and friends at the Saturday morning OMA Membership Breakfast in Room 110 of the Law School. Meet other OMA members, hear highlights and accomplishments, and learn about upcoming projects and exciting activities.

Treat yourself! – The Court Café is located at the south end of the Law School. Stop by for a snack or a refreshing beverage. The Coffee Cart will be open on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Many thanks to the Coffee Cart for the discount coupons in your packet!

Faster Than a Speeding Bullet! – Be sure to visit *Faster Than a Speeding Bullet: The Art of the Superhero*, a new exhibit at the University of Oregon Art Museum. The Museum is located at 1430 Johnson Lane. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission is free on Friday and only \$5.00 on Saturday, \$3.00 for seniors 62 and over. Featuring works by some of the most admired artists in the history of superhero comics, the exhibition also includes a rare copy of “Action Comics # 1,” featuring the first appearance of Superman. “Faster Than a Speeding Bullet: The Art of the Superhero” will be on view through January 3, 2010.

Help us learn from the 2009 Conference: Evaluate! – We want to learn from this year’s conference and make next year’s conference even better – and we need your help. Every time you attend a workshop, you’ll receive a workshop evaluation form. Please take time to fill these out along with the overall Conference Evaluation Form in your packet. You can drop off your evaluation forms at the Registration table. Everyone who completes a signed evaluation will be entered into a drawing for a fun prize!

Presenters, please make sure you also fill out your presenter evaluation form and either return it at the Registration table or mail it back to OMA. Many thanks for helping OMA learn, grow and do the best job possible in meeting your conference needs.

Join the 2010 OMA Conference Planning Committee!

We are currently forming a new committee for OMA’s 24th Annual Fall Conference which will be held November 5th and 6th in the Portland area. All meetings are accessible via teleconferencing. Join this fun and focused group! To volunteer, email Judy Brodkey at director@omEDIATE.org.