



NJAPM Fall Conference — November 13, 2026

Theme: Mediation First — Building a New Default in Dispute Resolution

Agenda subject to change

Time	Session	Speakers/ Panel
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Light Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:15	President's Opening Remarks and Swearing in of NJAPM Board	Richard A. Herman, Esq. NJAPM President
9:15- 10:15	Judiciary Panel: The Judiciary's View of Mediation in Dispute Resolution	Hon. Jaynee LaVecchia (Ret.), Hon. Barry T. Albin (Ret.), Hon. Ellen L. Koblitz, P.J.A.D. (Ret.), Hon. Jeffrey R. Jablonski Moderator: Richard A. Herman
10:15 -10:30	Discussion Groups with the Judges	
10:30 – 10:40	Break	
10:40 – 11:30	Mediation and Access to Justice: Making Good on the Promise	Professor Ellen Waldman
11:30 – 11:40	Break	
11:40 – 12:40	Ethical Duties of Attorneys and Mediators to and in the Mediation Process	Moderator: Robert Lenrow, Panelists: Ellen Waldman, Linda Spiegel, Gary Borger, Marv Schuldiner
12:40 – 1:40	Lunch	Enjoy Cuban Food provided by Mambo Cuban Restaurant
1:40 – 2:30	Civil/Commercial Track — Session 1: Using Technology for a More Effective and Successful Mediation Practice	Rich Harris Moderated by Kenneth Cho, Esq.
1:40 – 2:30	Matrimonial/Divorce Track — Session 1: Use of Real Practice Systems (RPS) in Divorce Mediation	Professor John Lande (University of Missouri School of Law), Lisa Browning, Esq., Suzanne English, MA
2:30 – 2:40	Break	Dessert Provided by Innovative Divorce Services Coffee Provided by NJ Council of Collaborative Divorce Practice
2:40 – 3:30	Civil/Commercial Track — Session 2: Use of Real Practice Systems (RPS) in Civil Mediation. Demonstration of its use in a civil R. 1:40 dispute	Professor John Lande (University of Missouri School of Law), Suzanne English, MA . Lisa Browning, Esq.
2:40 – 3:30	Matrimonial/Divorce Tract – Session 2 MOU Drafting Considerations	Anna Maria Pittella, Esq., Evelyn Pentikis, Esq., Michelle Weinberg, M.Ed., LMFT
3:30 – 3:40	Break/ Reconvene as one group	
3:40 – 4:30	Closing Town Hall: What Can We Do? Individual Actions to Shift the Culture from Litigation-First to Mediation- First	Moderator: Richard Steen Panelists: Meghan Bradley, Suzanne English, Richard Herman, , Bruce Matez Open floor — all attendees

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