



## **For Immediate Release - 10/10/2011**

### ***Launch of Colorado Chapter at [www.NADN.org/colorado](http://www.NADN.org/colorado)***

The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals is pleased to announce the launch of our Colorado Chapter. Just 21 attorneys and former judges have been recognized as Charter Members of the chapter, including a majority of the state's most widely-accepted ADR professionals as utilized by litigation firms.

The Colorado Chapter has an appointed Executive Committee of 3 prominent local neutrals: Joe Epstein (Greenwood Village), Stephen Meyrich (Boulder) and Bill Meyer (JAG Inc., Denver).

The Colorado Chapter website at **[www.NADN.org/colorado](http://www.NADN.org/colorado)** is specifically designed to "make life easier" for local attorneys, counsel, adjusters and law firm support staff. **[www.NADN.org/colorado](http://www.NADN.org/colorado)** allows firms to quickly find a suitable mediator or arbitrator, navigating straight to the roster of trusted local neutrals sorted by city or name. Almost all the Academy's members also publish their ***availability calendars*** online for the benefit of clients. This allows the scheduling of appointments to be greatly expedited for all parties involved in the case, saving many hours of phone tag.

The National Academy database is already in wide use in other states, particularly in Florida, where the software was originally developed by mediators for the local litigation community. Widely utilized by litigation firms, the Florida Chapter of NADN (**[www.NADN.org/florida](http://www.NADN.org/florida)**) has the cream of Florida's mediators online and processes 20,000+ appointment requests annually since 2009.

"Since the launch of the original Florida roster back in 2006, we'd heard from literally hundreds of firms and scheduling staff saying how useful they find the site, particularly the calendar functionality," commented Darren Lee, Executive Director of the National Academy. "We've made it very quick and easy for attorneys and staff to navigate straight to the experts they need. Most of the time, firms use the site to expedite scheduling with the best local professionals, but more firms are now using the national database to search for neutrals with particular case or industry expertise. The website has really become a one-stop-shop of the best neutrals in the nation - it was recently described in Corporate Counsel magazine as 'Expedia for Litigation Firms' and the number of visitors utilizing our free roster continues to rise monthly."

"We certainly look forward to working with the premier ADR attorneys in the state of Colorado in the years to come. We expect that the new chapter website will prove just as useful to paralegals and attorneys across Colorado as it has in Florida and 10 other state chapters to date."

***SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR ROSTER OF ALL CHARTER MEMBERS...***

#### **About NADN**

The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN) is a national association whose membership consists of mediators and arbitrators distinguished by their hands-on experience in the field of civil and commercial conflict resolution. NADN was established in 2008 following a conference of the committees of 5 regional ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) associations from Florida, California, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. As of September 2011, the association has over 700 top-tier ADR attorneys and judges confirmed across more than 40 states, making it the largest online roster of experienced neutrals in the nation. Membership to the Academy is strictly by invitation-only, with a peer-nomination vote and extensive client-interview vetting procedure intended to ensure that only the top 5-10% of qualifying practitioners in any state are invited to join the network.

*For further info regarding the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, please contact Rose-Anne Raies, Member Coordinator ([roseanne@nadm.org](mailto:roseanne@nadm.org)) or visit [www.NADN.org/about](http://www.NADN.org/about)*



## THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS

*The following attorneys have all been recognized as Colorado Charter Members for Excellence in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution*



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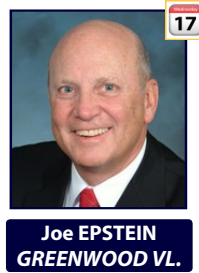
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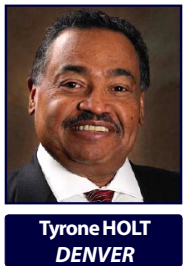
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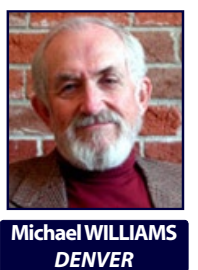
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