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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**UNPRECEDENTED MEDIATION GROWTH RESULTING FROM CONSUMER
DEMAND DISCUSSED AT NEW JERSEY MEDIATORS CONFERENCE - OCT 24TH**

JUDGE LINDA R. FEINBERG, PROFESSOR LELA LOVE FEATURED SPEAKERS

PIONEER OF MEDIATION AWARD TO SAM MARGULIES, PHD, JD

Cranbury, NJ (October 13, 2003). Consumers are demanding less confrontational and less expensive options for handling disputes. As a result, mediation is seeing unprecedented growth including more court-mandated programs. The 10th Annual Conference of the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM) will cover the factors contributing to this growth, and will look at the future of mediation in key sectors including family, divorce, business, civil, health care, and labor relations. The Conference, open to all interested parties, is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2003 from 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM at the Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, New Jersey.

In her opening remarks for the 10th anniversary conference, NJAPM President Gale Wachs, Esq., APM (Accredited Professional Mediator) will put forward her vision for the organization's next ten years. She will also set the tone for the conference by acknowledging the growth and diversification of the field of mediation.

Keynote speaker Judge Linda R. Feinberg, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Family Part, Mercer County, will address court mandated dispute resolution programs and frontiers in the use of mediation.

Featured speaker Professor Lela Love, Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, will talk about her experiences training law students in mediation.

In a special presentation, Sam Margulies, PhD, JD, and President of the Institute for Dispute Resolution of New Jersey in Montclair, NJ, will receive a special award as "Pioneer of Mediation" from NJAPM. NJAPM Immediate Past-President, George Hays, PE, MBA, APM will also honor NJAPM past presidents.

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There will be two afternoon workshop sessions. These professional workshops are designed to educate and update those who practice mediation, those who are considering entering this growing field, and those working with professional mediators to solve disputes.

Presenters include attorneys, accountants, mental health professionals, human resource managers, and others with special training and experience in the practice of mediation.

The workshops will include:

- *Marketing Your Mediation Practice* with Jon Linden, MBA, APM and Anju D. Jessani, MBA, APM
- *Medical Malpractice Mediation* with Moderator, Edward J. Peloquin, MS, APM, and Panelists Rochelle Gizinsky, Esq., and Retired Judge, Judd Hamlin
- *Domestic Violence and Mediation: Reconcilable Differences* with Janis M. Falvey, MA, LPC, DVS
- *Confidentiality in Mediation: Avoiding Malpractice Claims After Lerner v. Laufer* with Moderator E. Gregory M. Cannarozzi, Esq., APM, and Panelists Professor Ronald Chen, and Frank Louis, Esq.
- *Mediating Styles* with Robert Collins, Esq.
- *Divorce: The Impact on Children* with Sharon Ryan Montgomery, Psy.D.

The cost of the conference is \$129 for members and \$149 for non-members. For more information and to register, please contact Shawna Wilker at **1-800-981-4800**.

The New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators is a statewide, non-profit professional organization dedicated to fostering excellence in the field of mediation; promoting mediation as the preferred method of dispute resolution, encouraging and providing mediation education to the public, the government and the professions, training and accrediting professional mediators, and protecting the public through a Code of Ethics and Standards for Mediators. NJAPM distributes to the public, lists of Accredited Professional Mediators. The Association can be reached at 1-800-981-4800, and their website is located at www.njapm.org.

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