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## **Requesting Mediation with the Office of Workers' Compensation Hearings (OWCH)**

The Office of Workers' Compensation Hearings (OWCH) is pleased to announce the expansion of our Mediation Team.

The team currently includes **ALJ Mark Shore** and **ALJ Kathleen Grant**, who have provided mediation services full-time founded upon their wealth of knowledge.

Additionally, the OWCH is proud to announce that the following Administrative Law Judges will be available to provide Mediation services on a part time basis:

- ALJ Colleen Bero-Lehmann
- ALJ Jennifer Collingon
- ALJ Lisa Kinney
- ALJ Tom Landowski
- ALJ Heide Mallon

Each of these part-time Mediators has been fully accredited and certified to aid in the negotiation process through mediation.

The OWCH welcomes your request to schedule mediations with our Team and hope that this Mediation Team expansion will provide additional options to the parties in handling pending matters. Also, should you have a hearing scheduled before these ALJ/Mediators, the parties can jointly request that the hearing be converted to a mediation before the ALJ assigned.

The OWCH looks forward to providing this service to the parties as part of our ongoing effort to improve the handling of claims. Any inquiries about the process are welcome and may be sent to <u>DHAWCMail@wisconsin.gov</u> or 608-266-7709.

Sincerely,

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