

NJAPM 2007 Annual Conference Best Ever; Save 11/15/08 for our 2008 Conference!
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Thanks to my conference co-chair Risa Kleiner, our talented and generous speakers, our management firm AAI, and our members for making NJAPM's November 3rd, 2007 Annual Conference our most successful conference ever, with approximately 130 attendees. Your feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive. The program got top marks both for speakers and content, as did the buffet lunch and the free flowing coffee. To recap the morning program:

- ⇒ NJAPM President, Anthony Limitone gave the annual report for NJAPM. The organization is in its strongest financial position ever, and is gearing up to launch a groundbreaking advertising campaign on the benefits of mediation.
- ⇒ Kenneth Feinberg's keynote presentation entitled "Client Anger— Crisis Management" told the story of the U.S. Government's September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, and the mediation skills that he and his team used in working with the 2,976 distraught families impacted by the horror of that day.
- ⇒ Featured speakers, Julia Morelli and Dan Rainey discussed the typical types of errors in assumptions mediators often make, and guided us in how to leave those assumptions at the door.

The afternoon workshops give NJAPM an opportunity to showcase members and guest presenters and meet in a smaller group setting which allows for greater member participation. The five sessions included Mediating Chancery Division Dispute, Family Economic Mediation – A View from the Bench, Marketing 101, Employment Mediation and Collaborative Law. We were especially thrilled that Judges Karen Cassidy, Julie Marino and Thomas Olivieri were able to participate in these workshops.

Our 2008 Annual, which will be our 15th annual conference, is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, will be at the Somerset DoubleTree. Based on your feedback, we plan to return to six workshops next year, will work with the hotel on better breakout rooms, and try and provide a healthier breakfast! And of course, we promise you another great program! So, please save the date and plan on joining us. Look for conference updates at our website, www.njapm.org and if you have any ideas for speakers or workshops, please contact me at ajessani@dwdmediation.org or (201) 217-1090.



Keynote Speaker, Kenneth Feinberg & NJAPM Board Member, Edward J. Bergman



President, Anthony P. Limitone, Jr., Featured Speakers, Julia Morelli and Daniel Rainey & NJAPM Board Member, Michael J. Wolf



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R.I.C.H. Planning Group— Vendor Booth**



**Rick Kabra
Easy Soft Legal Software — Vendor Booth**



Speaker and Member, Kenneth Neumann, & NJAPM Past President, Hanan Isaacs



NJAPM Immediate Past President, Anju D. Jessani & NJAPM President, Anthony P. Limitone, Jr.