



INVITATION TO THE BAR

FEDERAL COURT *PRO SE* MEDIATION PANEL

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, in conjunction with the Federal Bar Association, is organizing a *pro se* mediation panel. Attorneys are needed to join the panel as mediation advocates. Mediation advocates represent *pro se* litigants at mediation of civil lawsuits pending in the United States District Court. Appointment requires only a limited appearance to represent the *pro se* litigant at the mediation proceeding. Each mediation advocate must agree to accept at least one appointment per year.

Mediation advocates provide their services on a *pro bono* basis and must attend a free orientation and training session on January 19, 2011 (limited to 2 ½ hours) presented by the Federal Court magistrate judges and the Federal Bar Association, or have equivalent experience. The agenda for the orientation and training session is attached.

Please contact the FBA Liaison, Matthew Moschella, Esquire, at 617-646-2245 or mcmoschella@sherin.com to sign up for the Mediation Advocates Panel.

The training program is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association's Federal Practice and Procedure Committee, and the Boston Bar Association's Federal Practice and Procedure Committee.