

## Presenter Bio: Lawrie Parker



Lawrie Parker has been actively involved in mediation and restorative justice at the national, state, and community levels for 33 years. She is a founder of the Piedmont Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC) in Warrenton and has been its executive director since 1990.

Her state court mediation certifications include general district court, juvenile and domestic relations district court, circuit court-civil, circuit court-family, mentor, and basic mediation trainer. During her tenure at PDRC she has developed numerous services and training programs, including restorative justice, community conversations

in mental health and elder mediation. She is the current president of Resolution Virginia, the coalition of Virginia's non-profit community mediation centers and is a past-president the Virginia Mediation Network.

In 2011 Lawrie received the Virginia Mediation Network's Distinguished Mediator Award, in 2010 she was named by Virginia Lawyers Media, publishers of Virginia Lawyers Weekly and the Virginia Medical Law Report, to the Class of 2010 of "Influential Women of Virginia." In 2001, she received an award from the Supreme Court of Virginia's Office of the Executive Secretary for Outstanding Achievement in Community Mediation. She received a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.B.A. from the University of Mary Washington.