

## SPEAKER'S BIO



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Beth M. Schindler is the Regional Director for Region 07 covering the nine northwestern states including Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Northern California and Northern Nevada. Director Schindler oversees all activities and assignments for 18 Commissioners with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), an independent agency of the United States Government. She assigns collective bargaining cases and directs the work of mediators when FMCS services are requested or when labor and/or management are searching for avenues to achieve settlement, avert or end a labor union strike.

Between 1996 and 2001, Beth served in the capacity of Commissioner for FMCS in the Seattle, WA field office. As a federal mediator, she worked toward amicable contract settlements between management and labor unions engaged in the collective bargaining process, provided assessment and training for parties by way of relationship development training including labor/management initiatives. She has extensive experience in a wide variety of mediation and negotiation processes.

Before joining FMCS in 1996, Director Schindler was a member and Union Representative for Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 8 located in Seattle. Prior to that, she worked in the employee benefits arena for Welfare and Pension Administration, Inc. exclusively servicing Taft-Hartley employee benefit trust funds.

Beth was born and raised in Seattle and resides in the Edmonds, WA area.