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-  **The center vertical panel** celebrates the 1981 vision and innovation of the founding leaders, Chief Judge George Edwards, Bob Rack, Reasie Mack, Dave Aemmer and more. Explore the Federal Judicial Center's successful program study, examples of Bob Rack's prolific writings and "artwork," and a map of the inaugural year of each U.S. Circuit's Mediation Program. A discerning viewer will find a wallpaper of names showcasing the years of service of all Sixth Circuit Mediation Program employees over four decades. Mediation Administrator Connie Weiskittel is the only employee who served under all three Chief Circuit Mediators!
-  **The horizontal panels from left to right** reflect highlights from each decade 1990s-2020s. The 1990s reveal artifacts highlighting how the Settlement Program (now called the Mediation Program) and the conference attorneys (now called the circuit mediators) fit within the judiciary. The 2000s reflect mediation "by the numbers" and a turning point as the Sixth Circuit renames "settlement conference attorneys" to "circuit mediators" and introduces the "Office of the Circuit Mediators." The 2010s reflect major mediation rule changes, Bob Rack retires, and Paul Calico is hired as the second Chief Circuit Mediator. In the 2020s, the Sixth Circuit welcomes Catherine Geyer as only the third Chief in over four decades.
-  **The timeline features the portraits and photos of each Chief Judge** who presided during the Mediation Program's development. Without the circuit judges' unwavering personal and profound commitment to mediation as an integral part of the Sixth Circuit's adjudicative process, the Mediation Program's success would not be possible.
-  **From left to right across the bottom of the timeline**, viewers take in major national mediation events, turning points, notable quotes, and formative milestones in mediation locally and nationally.
-  **Two lighted acrylic panels** feature significant complex successful mediation outcomes from Tennessee on prison overcrowding and from Kentucky on the Medal of Honor recipient, Garlin Conner.
-  **Look closely in the bottom right corner of the Mediation Timeline** to see that Circuit Mediator Kathryn Wollenburg turned artifacts into artwork and created the visual representation of the Mediation Program's history.



The Mediation Timeline is a visual representation of historical events arranged chronologically to depict major milestones, watershed moments, and the evolution of mediation as a widespread form of dispute resolution in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals and beyond.