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National Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Office of the Chief Justice Announces Swearing-in Ceremony for Criminal and Civil Mediators of the Senior Courts of Belize

Belize City, Belize-Chief Justice Honourable Mde Louise Esther Blenman, of the Senior Courts of Belize, is pleased to announce the upcoming swearing-in ceremony for another cohort of Court-connected Civil and Criminal mediators to the Senior Courts of Belize. The ceremony will be held on **19th December 2024** at the High Court, Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, at 10:00 a.m.

The addition of these new mediators marks yet another significant milestone in the ongoing transformation of the justice system by strengthening its alternative dispute resolution capacity. These individuals have undergone training and certification processes to qualify as mediators. They play a crucial role in facilitating fair and efficient resolution of disputes without full trials.

The swearing-in ceremony will be presided over by Chief Justice Honourable Mde. Louise Esther Blenman, who reaffirms the commitment of the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, a committee in the Office of the Chief Justice and the Senior Courts of Belize, to support the continued improvement of the administration of justice in Belize and improvements in the delivery of justice in Belize.