In past years RAM has been privileged to present nationally recognized lecturers and educators such as Dr. Donna Rosenberg from Colorado, the Honorable Thomas Zampino from New Jersey, and Michael Turpen from Oklahoma. This year the tradition continues. Thomas Langhorne, Director of Education for the Supreme Court of Virginia and a regular lecturer at the National College of Juvenile Family Court Judges will speak on rekindling judicial passion and on judicial decision making. Professor Elliot Glicksman of Cooley Law School, also a national college lecturer, will address evidentiary issues. Finally, the Honorable Linda Hallmark, Oakland County Family Court, will discuss the current state of family law in Michigan. All of this in addition to wonderful socialization, a lovely dinner, a hospitality suite and a “not quite yet a major” golf competition. The spring 2001 conference promises to provide RAM members the best conference yet. The topics should provide the form for exchanges of ideas and wonderful discussions. MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS.
RAM welcomes new members Karla Mallett (Oakland County Family Court-Juvenile Division), Cynthia A. Conlon (Family Division Referee, 13th Judicial Circuit–Grand Traverse County), Erin Murrae Magley (Ottawa County Referee), and Davis S. Hoffman (Oakland County Circuit Court Referee-Family Division). We hope that all of you will become active participants in RAM.

Enclosed is the notice and proposed amendment to the RAM Constitution. The vote on this amendment will take place at our spring conference meeting on May 25, 2001.

The next RAM meeting is on April 12, 2001 at 10:45 a.m. at the Michigan Historical Museum. Please come and participate. We will be discussing the May conference, amendments to our constitution and nominees for future elections, as well as other topics. All additional points of view our welcome.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hoping to see you soon,

Mark D. Sherbow