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Ex-Mayor and Senior Law Partner Form New Mediation Firm.

MANATEE COUNTY, FL – April 8, 2010 – Michael and Ruth Harshman have formed Impact Mediation, a practice focusing on Family, Circuit Civil and Residential Mortgage Foreclosure mediation. Their individual backgrounds, with over 60 combined years in law and governmental careers, distinguish the firm as being uniquely qualified to practice mediation.

Ruth Harshman earned a Master's degree in Psychology and has more than 20 years of government service, including serving nearly 18 years as Mayor of Poland, Ohio. Michael Harshman spent over 40 years practicing law, most recently as senior partner in the Canfield, Ohio-headquartered law firm of Betras, Maruca, Kopp and Harshman.

Impact Mediation brings both the female and male perspective to mediation dispute, which is helpful in sensitive areas such as Family and Divorce Law. Both Ruth and Michael are Supreme Court of Florida certified for Circuit Court, and Family Mediation. Ruth is certified in County Court Mediation, and Impact Mediation also offers Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation. Their Family Law division helps clients facing such issues as divorce, custody, division of assets, and alimony, while the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure division helps clients facing eviction from their home.

Prior to opening their practice, both Ruth and Michael completed the Supreme Court of Florida mediation certification requirements along with additional educational training, courses, and conferences. Michael Harshman is a member of the Bar Associations in Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Michael Harshman states "Our business assists those involved in a variety of disputes and also those who may be caught in this economic downturn, as Impact Mediation offers a collaborative and affordable alternative to costly and hurtful litigation in cases involving divorces, child custody, foreclosures and a wide range of civil disputes. In addition to our business, Ruth and I are very much looking forward to being a part of this vibrant community."

For more information on Impact Mediation, please visit www.impact-mediation.com or contact Tricia Lewis at 941-351-0024 or via email tlewis@grapeinc.com. Grapevine Communications is an award-winning Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations firm based in Sarasota and serving clients nationwide.

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