



10 Reasons to Consider the Divorce Mediation Process

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If you are facing a Massachusetts divorce, then you should certainly consider [mediation](#) as an alternative process to expensive litigation. A mediator is a neutral third party that assists in facilitating a resolution of the issues related to your divorce. Mediation can also be used to assist with post-divorce issues, such as child support or alimony modifications.

Additionally, [Mediation to Stay Married](#) is a newer application of the mediation process for couples wishing to improve their relationships and stay together.

Most couples can mediate their divorce. Mediation is not only for simple divorces or where there is very little conflict. Couples with complex financial issues and significant conflict can mediate, but make sure your divorce mediator is experienced with such issues.

Here are 10 reasons why you should consider mediation for your Massachusetts divorce:

- 1) Saves time – couples can have a lot of input regarding the pace of mediation.
- 2) Saves money – mediation is almost always less expensive than a traditional court-based divorce. At The Divorce Collaborative LLC in Franklin, MA, we even have a number of fee options available, including fixed fee options, hourly billing, and programs that do not require an advance retainer.
- 3) Mediation is less stressful than the adversarial litigation process where the divorce lawyers are driving the process – and the costs!.
- 4) Private.

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- 5) The clients decide what is fair and best for their family – not the courts or lawyers.
- 6) A good mediator will look out for the interests of both parties.
- 7) Your mediator should educate you about the financial and legal issues, so you can make good decisions.

😊 Mediation provides a supportive, cooperative framework for resolving your conflict.

9) The experience of mediation can improve communication skills between parents, having a positive effect on post-divorce parenting and child custody issues.

10) If your mediator is also a lawyer, all of your court forms and the full separation (divorce) agreement are completed as part of the process.

If you want more information about divorce mediation in Massachusetts, or other divorce and family law information, then please call The Divorce Collaborative LLC at (508) 346-3805 to schedule a meeting in our convenient [Franklin, MA office](#).



An experienced mediator can help couples bridge the gap and reach a resolution that both sides can live with.