



Divorce Mediation

Divorce Mediators Serving the Medfield, Medway, Franklin, Millis, areas in Massachusetts

When faced with divorce or other family conflict, our most important relationships can be destroyed. It does not have to be that way, however. Why not consider an alternative form of dispute resolution that helps people find solutions and transform relationships, not annihilate them?

Divorce mediation, like collaborative divorce, allows couples facing divorce or other post-divorce conflict to reach their own private resolution without going to court. The process is guided by a neutral mediator who facilitates meetings with the parties to create an agreement for their particular circumstances. In divorce mediation, the goal is to reach an informed and lasting agreement that is then filed with the court. **Divorce mediation in Massachusetts** is voluntary and confidential

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So, who can benefit from Divorce Mediation?

Mediation is an attractive option for people that want to maintain control of their conflict and not turn the outcome over to a third party (like a judge). It is a good choice for parents who realize that although their relationship is certainly changing, maintaining a respectful relationship post-divorce has many benefits when it comes to their children and their own inner-peace (think “less stress”). Couples without children or with adult children also choose mediation as a more peaceful way to conclude their marriage and prepare for new beginnings. By taking ownership of the conflict and looking to the future, the parties can develop solutions with the mediator that will actually work, since any conflict that is finalized by an order that one or both parties does not want is likely to fail. In a litigated case, this problem can translate into additional court appearances for contempt actions and modifications. That gets expensive.

Benefits of Divorce Mediation

1. Less Collateral Damage – High-conflict divorce rips families apart and is damaging to children and spouses alike. Couples in mediation are much less likely to entangle children in painful conflict and report less stress during divorce.

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2. Client Value – Some people are initially attracted to mediation as a way to save money over a traditional court-based divorce. It is true that mediation is usually much less expensive than litigation. One of the most obvious reasons for this is that a single mediator is retained instead of individual attorneys. Even if one person or both retains a lawyer to review the final negotiated agreement, there can still be substantial savings over a traditional divorce. Mediation is also very efficient. There are no fees billed to the clients for travel time or for waiting at court during numerous hearings. In today's economy, mediation can keep more of your assets in your *own* pocket instead of your lawyer's!

3. Pace – A traditional court-based divorce can be very slow. As cases linger, people tend to get more frustrated and spend more money.

4. Confidential Process – Unlike discussing the personal details of your marriage and family in an open court, mediation is private.

5. Flexible for Families – I support a client's desire to use an outside professional in conjunction with mediation. Allied professionals such as divorce coaches, parenting specialists, or financial experts can play an important, supportive role in mediations, especially when people are experiencing very strong emotions or otherwise feel they would benefit from the inclusion of other experts. For example, I have an experienced divorce coach attend the first mediation session for clients that opt for my flat-fee Comprehensive Mediation Package.

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6. Respectful and Dignified – Mediation is respectful of the human emotions present in every divorce case. Although mediation is not therapy, it does provide the parties a safe place to display feelings such as sadness, anger, understanding, and empathy.
7. Empowered to Solve Your Own Conflict – Divorce Mediation recognizes human intelligence and assumes people are capable of resolving their own disputes. The mediator should provide information to help clients understand the laws applicable to divorce and family law, allowing the parties to make informed decisions.
8. Consider New Options – A skilled mediator will help clients “expand the pie” or consider options not previously explored.
9. Scheduling – Court hearings, depositions, and other meetings are not scheduled around the clients, but around the schedule of the court and lawyers. In mediation, we offer evening and weekend appointments that work for you and your family.
10. User-friendly – If your divorce mediator is also a lawyer, the mediator can draft your final divorce agreement and related paperwork for submittal to the Probate and Family Court.

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Not Just for Divorce

The non-adversarial mediation process can be used for resolving issues other than divorce, including:

Post-Divorce Conflicts and Modifications

Prenuptial Agreements

Non-traditional Families

Estate and other Family Matters

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