

Arizona Couple Tries to Ease Divorce Through Mediation

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A recent ABC "Primetime" news special followed an Arizona couple in the process of getting a [divorce](#). Chris and Shari Stewart had been married for 18 years and wanted to end their marriage without the hostility that many divorces spark. How did they attempt to keep the split civil and less expensive? They relied on divorce mediation as the central process in coming to a divorce settlement.

Mediation provides couples a forum wherein they can discuss their issues, goals and requirements of a divorce settlement together in hopes that the cost of attorneys and time of trial can be alleviated. In the Stewarts' case, Shari also depended on some help from a divorce attorney in order to ensure she was getting into a fair settlement.

While mediation might have saved them from some heartache and cost, the couple battled another difficult situation: living together in the midst of *and after* their divorce.

Because of the down real estate market, the Stewarts have not been able to sell their lavish Arizona home. They did not want to risk the high cost of one of them moving out and into another place. Until last week, the Stewart family had been living together, Shari, Chris and their three children, and fighting to maintain a healthy family through the strife, confusion and anger divorce can cause.

Imagine emotionally debating [spousal support](#) arrangements with your spouse one minute, heading home together and trying to live peacefully in order not to affect the well-being of your children. The Stewarts lived with that arrangement for the nine months it took for the divorce to be finalized.

Shari moved out of the house last week and looks forward to the future.

In our next post, we will discuss further details of the Stewarts' Arizona divorce, including their struggles and the debated details of their divorce settlement.

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