

How to Settle Your Arizona Divorce and Avoid a Costly Battle with Your Spouse

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The hypothetical Arizona divorce case scenario: A couple living in Mesa has decided to [file for divorce in Arizona](#). When various family members and friends hear the news, they immediately emphasize the need to look out for their individual interests by retaining a Mesa AZ divorce attorney for additional protection. Once the couple tells their children about the divorce, each child wants to know what will happen to their current living situation and the amount of time they get to spend with each parent. Just to add to the stress and mental anguish, whenever the couple tries to talk about the terms of their divorce, and other issues such as property division, child support, child custody or alimony, the discussion turns into a heated argument. After looking into a divorce attorney and researching a “Do It Yourself” divorce, each spouse starts to feel like their options for a peaceful resolution are limited. Furthermore, neither party is thrilled about the idea of putting their kids, let alone themselves, through lengthy litigation.

While it is hypothetical, you might find that one or more the issues mentioned in the scenario apply to your own Arizona divorce case. If so, it is important for you to know that divorce doesn't have to be as painful and expensive as it may seem. You can keep costs in check and settle your case without going to court and dragging out the process. [Mediation](#), an alternative form of dispute resolution, can help you and your spouse reach a mutually beneficial end result. By removing some of the barriers involved in [litigation](#), the mediation process encourages spouses to work together while a neutral 3rd party helps to facilitate the creation of their dissolution agreement.

I believe that mediation services are an excellent and beneficial alternative to a contested divorce, and can speak with divorcing spouses about mediation services to help them learn more.



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