

## The Better Alternative



### *Come to the Mediation Table*

***Less Stressful*** – You proceed at your own pace, and there are no court appearances

***Less Expensive*** – No retainer fees, and you control the expenditures

***Takes less time*** – Most divorce agreements are completed in a limited number of sessions

***Informal*** – All sessions are conducted in a safe, informal setting

***Private and Confidential*** – Only you, your spouse and the mediator participate



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## Divorcing?



***Mediation is  
today's alternative  
to a contentious  
divorce.***

***Is it right for you?***

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## Mediation is the better, easier, and less expensive way to get a divorce



The mediation process is completely voluntary.

### What is Mediation?

Mediation is a confidential, voluntary process where a trained professional “neutral” mediator guides you and your spouse through the decisions that need to be made in getting divorced.

The process is straightforward, and you and your spouse are in charge of your own settlement. The mediator helps you both change the nature of your interactions, so that you are able to negotiate and make decisions together, based on your unique family and financial situation.

Mediation provides for a safe, informal, confidential and future-oriented discussion about your family.

### Mediation is a Different Approach

The contentious adversarial “I win, you lose” system is replaced in mediation by a cooperative approach that focuses on developing a plan for your future.

Working with the mediator, you and your spouse jointly develop sensible solutions to meet your needs, and those of the children – without an expensive legal battle. The mediator assists you and guides you through the process of developing an agreement on all the issues that need to be addressed.



Mediation is less stressful for you and your spouse.  
Mediation is also better for your children.

### You can Make the Divorce Process Simpler

Divorcing parties should consult an independent attorney to learn their legal rights and to review the Memorandum of Understanding reached in mediation.

It is never too late to use mediation. Some divorcing couples find that when they “take a break” from the adversarial litigation system, they are able to produce a settlement that meets their needs, and those of their children.

In mediation, you are in charge.

- Try mediation as an alternative to a contentious divorce.
- Make the divorce process easier on you and your family.
- Be in control of your own future.
- Reduce the stress on you and your family.
- Save litigation costs
- Design an agreement that works for you.