



Mediation?

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What is



Mediation *n.* the attempt to settle a legal dispute through active participation of a third party (mediator) who works to find points of agreement and make those in conflict agree on a fair result. Mediation differs from arbitration in which the third party (arbitrator) acts much like a judge but in an out-of-court less formal setting but does not actively participate in the discussion...

When do you need a mediator?

If you are at the point of separation or you are already separated or divorced, there may be issues causing concern. These might include parenting issues and the best arrangements for your child, financial matters such as the home and other capital, child support and maintenance or any other problem particular to your circumstances.

Family mediation offers the opportunity for parents, or (former) couples to discuss all or any of these matters together with the assistance of a mediator to reach a jointly negotiated settlement.

You may need family mediation in cases of separation, divorce, breakdown in civil partnerships and

parenting issues. Our family mediators are qualified solicitors who specialise in family law and therefore have a deep understanding of how complicated the law can be.

Court proceedings not only add to the costs of a divorce or separation, they also add to the emotional pain. With our professional mediators, we work with both sides to ensure we do everything we can to make mediation effective and avoid a court battle.

The average cost of using mediation is about £600 per person, compared with £4,000 for issues settled through the courts



The average time for a mediated case is 110 days compared with 435 days through the court

Why choose us?

We can help you identify issues, consider the available options and arrive at proposals that will meet individual's needs, in particular those of children.

Given that we are qualified family solicitors, our mediators will be able to provide legal information to assist your decision making and can ensure documents are prepared to the

highest standard in line with appropriate guidelines. Our mediators will be able to help you tackle more complicated issues such as tax, pensions and family businesses as standard.

We work closely with expert financial advisers who may be able to help you understand complex financial matters. This enables you to fully understand what will happen and make the best decisions for all.

We are also able to offer co-mediation, where two mediators assist and, where appropriate, fast track mediation, where mediation is dealt with in one day.


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