

DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM

THE CIVILIZED ALTERNATIVE TO DIVORCE LITIGATION



The glaring difference between mediation and litigation is clear. The litigation process entails each side hiring an attorney and "battling it out in Court"; of public accusations, humiliation, and hurt feelings; of insults and lies; of seeing who will "win" in this emotionally fueled struggle between spouses and parents making this unfortunate situation even worse and far more stressful on you and your family.

Mediating your divorce with an experienced, attorney-mediator, on the other hand, will save time, money, and stress by allowing such professional attorney-mediator help you both arrive at a fair and reasonable resolution of your situation so you can get on with your lives.

Our expert services go well beyond the legal aspects of divorce and separation.

DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM is your ideal alternative to the emotionally devastating process of divorce litigation. Mediation is by far the least stressful way for a couple to separate and divorce.. Founded in 1994 by attorney Leonard M. Weiner, Ph.D., **DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM** offers a new and unique opportunity to avoid adversarial divorce.

Using the principals and methods successfully developed over the last decade in divorce mediation, **DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM** offers expert mediation services that address the emotional, legal, and financial needs of the parties. **DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM** is organized and managed by a team of experienced professionals who have special training in divorce mediation, and who themselves have gone through the ordeal of divorce or separation.

With **DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM** you will be able to:

- Protect your privacy and confidentiality
- Retain your hard earned assets
- Remain in control of your life
- Decide the best parenting arrangements for your children
- Reduce the emotional trauma to your family
- Avoid acrimonious or prolonged litigation
- Avoid endless hours of expensive hearings and court appearances, and expensive adversarial lawyers

Divorce: The Better Way

There is probably no more emotionally debilitating, personally self-effacing, humiliating, and financially draining legal procedure than a contested divorce. It is a "life event" no less significant than birth, marriage or death is in the cycle of life, and the financial, emotional "after shocks" of this cataclysmic event reverberate in differing intensities for many months and years after the legal event, the divorce judgment, has ended.

Divorce mediation is based on the premise that in most instances, especially where the parties have children, they will be required to have an ongoing relationship following their divorce.

Thus, it is not only necessary to resolve the dispute between the couple but to try to resolve it in such a way that they will be able to conduct any necessary business with one another in the future. Separating and divorcing couples have important interests in common, as well as conflicting interests. What keeps a couple from concluding an agreement between themselves is not their conflicting interests, as the adversarial process would suggest, but rather their feelings of disappointment, hurt, anger and fear. The process of mediation expressly addresses and calms these destructive feelings rather than exacerbating them, as the adversarial process does.

The professional mediator assists the parties in defining the relevant issues, understanding their choices, determining the difference between their "wants," "needs" and negotiation "positions." The mediator will help the parties explore the variety of possibilities that are available to resolve particular problems and direct the parties to those professionals such as neutral accountants, actuaries, and insurance brokers who can provide real, concrete answers to their questions.

In short, mediation is a process of informed decision-making and problem resolution that leads to genuine, consensual agreement rather than begrudged concession. By providing the parties with an active role in negotiating the outcome of their settlement, mediation allows both parties to stay in control of their emotions and the process of divorce.

Communication between the parties under mediation is not just encouraged but required. At **DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM** the parties are provided with extensive practice in problem-solving that can serve as a model, and can establish a working relationship between the post-divorce parties. The goal of our program is to resolve differences in a fair and just way in an effort to achieve settlement, and a sense of security and comfort with the new relationship. The emphasis is on reconciling the interests and needs of each of the parties rather than on vindicating their legal rights.



The mediation process encourages the parties to keep remembering that they once deeply cared for each other, that they both still care deeply for many of the same people, and that each in his own way must grieve his losses and get on with his new life and new roles.

DIVORCE SOLUTIONSSM, offers you and your family an opportunity to resolve your family situation in a private, civilized, and fair way, avoiding the emotional and financial costs of a litigated divorce.

If you and your spouse are ready to seek a divorce, you owe it to yourselves and your family to call us now!

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