

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a family-centered conflict resolution process in which an impartial third party assists the participants in negotiating a consensual and informed settlement. In mediation, the decision-making authority rests with the parties. The role of the mediator includes reducing the obstacles to communication, maximizing the exploration of alternatives, and addressing the needs of those it is agreed are involved or affected.

Mediation is based on principles of problem solving that focus on the needs of the participants, fairness, privacy, self-determination, and the best interests of all family members.
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Frequently asked questions:

Q. How am I protected in Mediation?

A. You will make decisions after reviewing the facts and discussing a variety of options. We will encourage you to show your agreement to an outside attorney before making a final decision. You won't sign anything until you are convinced it is in your best interest to do so.

Q. How long does a mediation take?

A. Each session takes approximately 1-2 hours. The number of sessions usually ranges from about 3-10 depending on the complexity of the case. The best predictor of how long mediation takes is your readiness to resolve the issues. You control how long the process takes.

Q. What if my spouse is hesitant to try mediation?

A. Ask him/her to give us a call. We are happy to discuss the mediation process and answer any questions or concerns they might have.

Q. What does it cost?

A. The cost of mediation usually runs from \$2,500-\$10,000, depending on what service you need, how many issues need to be resolved, and your willingness to resolve them. There is NO RETAINER. You pay as you go for the services rendered.

Q. What can we expect from MCNAMEE MEDIATIONS?

-You receive information about your legal rights in a neutral setting. You can also get outside legal advice, if you wish.

-We make certain that you obtain the information necessary to make fully informed decisions about the division of your assets and debts.

-You get help in identifying your needs and creating solutions to meet them.

-Your agreement is tailored to meet the unique needs of your family.

-When your mediation is over you can refer to a clear, detailed, and enforceable agreement, which addresses all of the issues that affect your family.

-If at some point, you both want to discuss continuing your marriage, we will help you develop two agreements, one about how to get your marriage back on track and the other about your divorce, should you eventually decide to end your marriage.

Services Offered:

1. Marriage Contracts
2. Divorce
3. Annulments
4. Domestic Partnership Dissolution
5. Property Issues
6. Custody & Support
7. Paternity
8. Judgment Modifications
9. Cohabitation Agreements
10. Pre/Post Nuptials
11. Legal Name Changing
12. Adult Adoption
13. Bankruptcy