

MEDIATION

the quick, amicable way to get divorced

DO YOU QUALIFY?

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a **cheaper and quicker process** for divorce. With the help of a trained, objective third party, you and your spouse make important decisions about divorce-related topics.

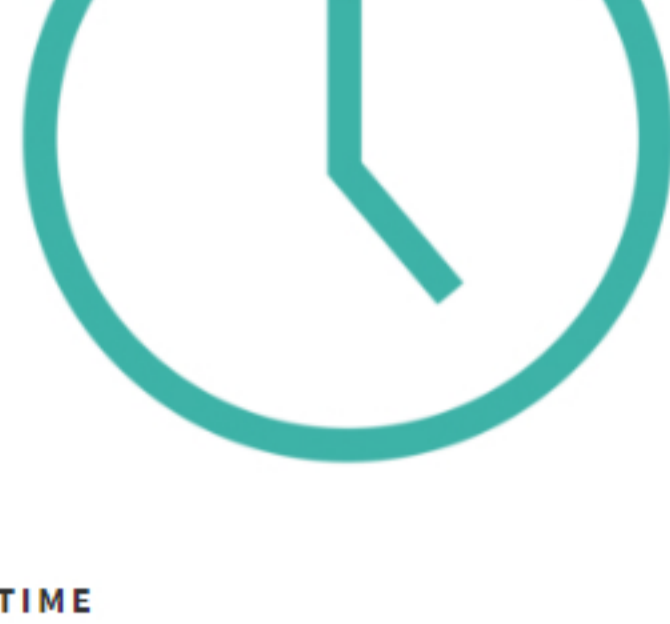
The mediator does not take a side and does not work with the court. The decisions are up to you and your spouse. The mediator helps navigate both of you through everything that needs to be done.

WHY USE MEDIATION?

Hiring an attorney for your divorce costs a lot of time and money, and you may not get what you want out of it. After working thousands of divorce cases, our mediation experts affirm that mediation helps save you time, money, and choice.

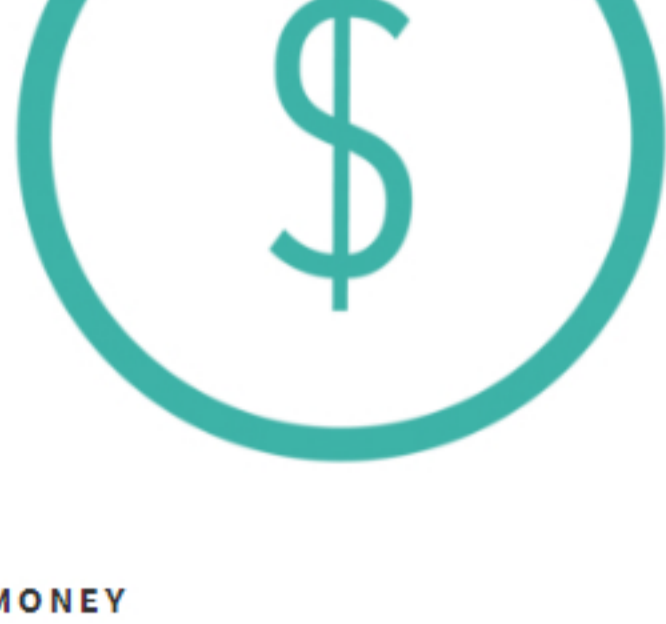
Whether going to court means that your divorce—and the details pertaining to it—are in the public record, mediation is private and confidential.

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TIME

Divorce through litigation can take years to finalize. A divorce through mediation usually takes 1-3 months or 4-6 months for more complex cases.



MONEY

The average cost for litigation fees range from \$25,000-\$100,000. The average cost for mediation is around \$5,000-\$10,000.



CHOICE

A court divorce means a judge makes the final decision on who gets what. Mediation allows you and your spouse to choose how you want to divide things.

IS MEDIATION RIGHT FOR YOU?



DivorceRight is the next generation of divorce mediation. Prior to mediations, DivorceRight provides you with instructional videos which cover the most important aspects of the divorce process. The instruction you receive will help you move forward with confidence and understanding.

DivorceRight provides virtual mediation sessions so you can save time and hassle. Virtual sessions allow us to help more people in more time. They also help you meet with a mediator on your time frame and in the comfort of your own home.

DIVORCE FAQ

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Our Process



Our Mediation Process

Divorce is a challenging and stressful experience. DivorceRight is designed to reduce as many obstacles as possible in the divorce process. However, mediation does not work for everyone, which leads us to the first step in our process.

1 SHORT SURVEY

We begin by having you take a short survey. This survey helps us determine if mediation is right for you and your spouse. If you are not a good fit for mediation, we will provide resources to help you. If you are a good fit, you will be directed to step 2.

2 COMPLEXITY SURVEY

You will complete our complexity survey. This survey asks for important information that the mediator needs for your divorce, including contact information, the number of dependents living at home, your debts and assets, your retirement plans, and other financial information. Your responses will be evaluated, and a consultant will call you to discuss your needs, answer questions, and go over pricing.

Pricing is based on the complexity of your case, so we need to review your survey answers before determining how much your mediation process will cost. The survey, assessment, and phone consultation are \$100 total. If you continue mediations with us, the \$100 will be applied towards your total fees with DivorceRight.

3 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Once you agree to the terms of mediation, you and your spouse will be emailed instructional materials specific to your needs. These include instructional videos about divorce, mediation, and the various considerations you will each need to make. Both of you will complete an Equitable Distribution Survey. Once these are submitted, your mediator will contact you to set up a mediation session.

4 NEGOTIATION

During your mediation session, you will go over your responses and negotiate as needed. The final agreement will go to a paralegal who will draft it into legal documentation.

5 DIVORCE DECREE

You and your spouse will take the documentation to the courthouse. When they finish reviewing and accepting your agreement, the judge will sign a Divorce Decree and your divorce will be final. (This may take weeks or months.)

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FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY IS MEDIATION FASTER THAN A COURTROOM DIVORCE?

Mediation allows you to schedule sessions on your time, create the divorce agreement with your spouse, and negotiate in a more harmonious environment. The mediator's job is to help you both get what you want. With litigation, a lawyer can only represent one spouse. Instead of working with your spouse, lawyers argue on your behalf. This back-and-forth between lawyers can take time. Also, court dates can be scheduled far apart, making the divorce process last longer.

WHAT IS LITIGATION?

Litigation is the process of taking legal action. This means taking your case to court, typically with an attorney. Once you file a complaint or petition, several legal steps follow. These include discovery, motions, a possible trial, and potentially two rounds of appeal.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT A DIVORCE? WHAT IF MY SPOUSE DOES NOT WANT A DIVORCE?

Mediation is a voluntary process for both spouses. In order for it to work, both parties need to agree that divorce is what they want. If one spouse wants a divorce but the other does not, a litigation process can be started.

WHY SHOULD I NOT HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

When you use attorneys, you are not the person who makes the decisions about your divorce. Ultimately, the judge makes all the decisions based on the arguments made by the lawyers. With mediation, you and your spouse are the ones who decide on the terms of your divorce.

HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET TO SPEND WITH MY KIDS?

The answer to this question depends on the couple. With mediation, both parties establish time limits that are best for the parents and the children. In litigation, this answer depends completely on the judge.

HOW AND WHEN DO WE TELL THE CHILDREN WE ARE DIVORCING?

There are some things you should and should not communicate to your children about your divorce. During our mediation process, we outline specific strategies and methods to help make this conversation as simple and safe as possible.

HOW MUCH DOES DIVORCE COST?

Divorce through litigation costs an average of \$30,000 per person. Divorce through mediation averages about \$5,000-\$10,000 total.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A MEDIATOR?

A good mediator is an objective, third-party observer. The mediator's main goal is to help both parties reach an agreement. The mediator also provides education on the mediation process, court standards, parenting through divorce, and so on. Their goal is to ensure that the couple makes the most informed decisions regarding divorce.

DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?

An attorney is not required for divorce mediation. Most couples who go through mediation do so without the consultation of lawyers.

HOW LONG WILL MY DIVORCE TAKE?

It depends on the complexity of your case. A divorce involving lawyers and the court typically takes 18 months-3 years. A divorce through mediation typically takes 2-6 months. This process can be shortened or lengthened depending on the couple's willingness to communicate and collaborate.

HOW SHOULD I CHOOSE A MEDIATOR?

First, look for a mediator with experience. No matter how contentious your situation may be, an experienced mediator will be better able to help you and your spouse reach an agreement.

Second, look for someone who will help you and your spouse feel comfortable sharing personal aspects of your lives. Third, look for an active (not a passive) mediator. An active mediator will be involved in the problem-solving process and help you find solutions that are best for your family.

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THE PEOPLE MY EX-SPOUSE DATES OR MARRIES?

One of the hardest parts of divorce is when your ex-spouse finds a new partner. No matter how difficult it may be, you no longer share a life with your ex-spouse, and you have no say in who they are with. Our mediation program provides insight, strategies, and other communication skills to help with this challenging transition.

WHAT IS A PARENTING CLASS?

When couples are going through a divorce, some states and judges will require that parents take parenting classes for the sole purpose of maintaining positive relationships with their children. The classes are not designed to maintain a relationship with your spouse but with the children. Since you will be going through strong emotions and other psychological states, these classes will also focus on helping you manage those experiences.

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Mediation enables participants to confront conflicts and resolve disputes by developing a contract that makes sense for their unique situation. Once a conflict has been resolved and a mutually agreeable solution has been attained, a participant will prepare the legal documents at the specific direction of the participants. No participant need sign an agreement that he/she is not comfortable with signing.

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