

# Choosing the Right Divorce Process for You

## LITIGATION

## COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

## MEDIATION WITHOUT LAWYERS

## MEDIATION WITH LAWYERS



**A Litigated Divorce** is a traditional court process that can be time-consuming, stressful on you and your children, and expensive. The process involves filing a petition, serving the other party, engaging in discovery, negotiating a settlement, and, if necessary, going to trial. The costs of a litigated divorce can be considerable and include attorney's fees, depositions, hearings, court fees, expert fees, and other expenses.

**The Collaborative Process** is a legally informed process that gives you control over outcomes, provides creative solutions, addresses power imbalances, and saves you time and money. Instead of leaving the decision-making to a judge, you and your spouse work with your professional team to create an agreement that works for your family to help you resolve issues around time-sharing, finances, and your future.

**Mediation Without Lawyers** can be a good solution if you have a simple financial situation, you are both willing to be transparent, and are committed to reaching an equitable settlement. However, it can be difficult to reach an agreement if your financial situation is more complex, the level of conflict between you and your spouse is elevated, or if there is a power imbalance between you. The mediator can provide options but cannot give legal advice.

**Mediation With Lawyers** offers a legally informed process with the guidance of an attorney for each spouse. The tone and pace of the process is dependent on the attorneys, so progress is out of your control. Often litigation becomes necessary for disputes such as time sharing, division of complex assets, disagreements on spousal support, or allegations of misconduct. Mediation with and without lawyers is often pre-litigation and can be costly and adversarial.

No Control  
Adversarial  
More Costly  
Stressful  
Time-Consuming  
Not Private  
Stranger Decides

Most Control  
Non-Adversarial  
Costs Contained  
Peaceful  
Resolves Quickly  
Completely Confidential  
Fewer Legal Fees  
Couple Decides

Less Control  
Can be Adversarial  
Can Be Unenforceable  
Lack of Legal Knowledge  
Potential Power Imbalance  
Potential Future Dispute

Less Control  
Adversarial  
Potential Power Imbalance  
Often Pre-Litigation  
Potential Future Dispute  
Can Become Costly

**Schedule A Confidential Call Today To Discuss Your Situation**

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