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## **Do I Need a Mediator to Get Through a Divorce?**

Mediation is not the practice of law, yet the Courts see it as an excellent alternative to resolving all types of disputes. Today, mediation is used for resolving matters involving contracts, personal injury, medical malpractice, neighborhood disputes, disputes involving the elderly and all forms of family disagreements.

In mediation, the people in disagreement meet with a neutral third party, the mediator. Through the mediation process, the parties are able to communicate effectively to exchange information, clarify their positions and gain a better understanding of each other's perspectives. Through that discussion, alternatives for resolution are explored and decisions can be made that fit the people in the dispute. Using mediation saves time and money.

In custody disputes, the best people to determine the future of children are the parents and other family members who know the specific circumstances and needs. For issues involving division of marital property, people should talk with an attorney first to gain an understanding of their rights and obligations. They can then have a knowledgeable and productive discussion about what best fits their circumstances and is fair to them.

Mediation is a confidential process. Nothing said in the mediation session may be used against a participant. All decisions are made by the parties, not the mediator.

***Call today and talk to one of our mediator/attorneys  
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