

### CHECKLIST FOR DIVORCE MEDIATION

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#### **PARENTING**

#### **Access to Information & People:**

Educational and medical records; Teachers, doctors, etc.

**Medical Emergencies**: Decision making, notification, legal consent

**Daily Schedule**: Children's living arrangements for a typical week

**Holidays**: Secular and religious holidays, birthdays, reunions

**Vacations:** Summer vacations, winter and spring breaks, travel

**Transportation**: Pick-up and drop-off

arrangements

#### **Parental Change of Residence:**

Restrictions, notice to other parent

**Decision-Making**: Major decisions about education, medical treatment, religion, discipline, safety

**Renegotiation**: Periodic review of plan, building in flexibility

**Conflict Resolution**: Structure for settling any

future disputes

#### **DIVISION OF PROPERTY**

**Full Disclosure**: Gathering and sharing of financial information and documentation concerning all assets and debts

#### **Procedure for Division:**

Identification Valuation Marital vs. Non-Marital Division

#### **Some Categories of Assets:**

Household Furnishings Vehicles Other Personal Property Bank Accounts Accounts Receivable Stocks, Bonds, Funds Real Estate Life Insurance

Business Interests Pensions, IRA, 401(k), etc. Patents, Stock Options, etc.

#### **Some Categories of Debts:**

Mortgages
Bank Loans (e.g., car loans)
Loans on Life Insurance
Personal Loans
Credit Cards

#### CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY

**Budgeting**: Children's expenses and parents' expenses

**Income**: Identifying all sources

**Child Support**: Calculating basic support level, school tuition, extraordinary medical expenses, childcare expenses, camp fees

**Alimony**: Needs, amount, type, and duration

**Adjustments:** Cost of living, changed circumstances

#### OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Medical Insurance

Life Insurance

**College Tuition & Expenses** 

Taxes:

Dependency Exemptions, Dividing Refunds & Liabilities, Alimony vs. Child Support

This checklist highlights key issues to be decided in your divorce process

The goal of the divorce mediator is to give you and your ex the tools you need to write a happier ending to the story of your marriage

Congratulations on your decision to consider a more peaceable way for divorce. Your appointment time has been reserved for

at \_\_\_\_\_AM / PM.

This is an information session to give you tools to help you understand and decide upon your divorce options. The initial meeting will last approximately two hours. A fee of \$200 will be collected at the time of the first meeting. Cancellations less than 24 hours in advance will incur a cancellation fee.

If all parties agree mediation is appropriate, a written cost estimate will be prepared, a retainer will be requested for the estimated amount of mediation cost, all parties will sign an agreement to mediate, and future mediation appointments will be scheduled. If mediation is not a good choice, other options will be discussed. Mediation is private and casual. Please dress comfortably. Typically, spouses sit in the same room. If this is a problem, or if you have any special needs or concerns, please let me know.



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Conflict is as old as humanity, but in the last 20 years there has been an explosion of research and applied practice which has resulted in new methods of addressing conflict. These methods use positive communication and interest based negotiation to address root causes of conflict in ways that are less damaging, less risky, and often get better results for everyone than traditional adversarial methods.

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(You do NOT have to be in agreement ahead of time about what is fair. It is the mediator's job to help you reach agreement.)

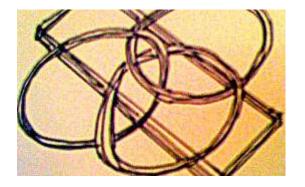
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