



## **MEDIATION SERVICES**

Courts require that the participants in any legal proceeding attempt to resolve their respective differences before coming into court. Before a judge will hear your matter that judge will ask if you have mediated or otherwise attempted to resolve the dispute through alternate resolution. Alternate resolution is the formal name for mediation.

We offer the following mediation services at the rate of \$150 per hour:

- Parenting time mediation or initial parenting time or changes in schedules
- Mediation services for divorce, paternity, custody, parenting time, property division, or other disputed family matters
- Mediation of parenting plans for co-parents living apart

### **HOW THE PROCESS WORKS**

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Participants work together with the assistance of the mediator to develop a plan that will work for both the participants and their children. Participants are actively involved in the process instead of allowing a court to make decisions over them or their children. The process may take one or several meetings depending upon the couple. The participants may meet together or separately with the mediator depending upon their respective comfort levels.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST**

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Services are billed at an hourly rate of \$150. The cost is equally shared by the participants.

Services are paid for at the time of the meeting. We have the ability to accept all major credit cards.

The cost of resolving differences usually is much less than the cost of court hearings and trials.

### **WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO COMPROMISE**

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Compromise is a process where both participants give up a little to achieve a lot. There is no disputing that trying to achieve compromise is hard work because of the strong emotions in family matters. Doing the hard work of finding common ground allows participants control over the decisions affecting their lives and their children's lives.

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW

A mediator may not give legal advice. Participants rely upon their respective attorneys for legal advice.

Attorneys may or may not accompany participants. The election to have one's attorney present belongs to the participants. If one attorney for a participant is present, then usually both attorneys are present.

Mediation is a confidential process and a mediator may not be called as a witness or asked to provide any notes or other information. All information provided to the mediator by the participants is confidential.

## GETTING STARTED

Participants usually work through their respective attorneys to coordinate a meeting date and time. If participants are not represented by an attorney, then either participant may initiate a meeting.

The mediator may request information from either of the participants or their attorneys to better facilitate the meeting. All information provided is confidential.

Call (320) 217-6030 for information or an appointment. E-mail [kaw@katewillmorelaw.com](mailto:kaw@katewillmorelaw.com) for information or an appointment

Rates: Mediation rates are billed at \$150 per hour payable by check or credit card

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