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## Mediation, Arbitration, Litigation

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With solid preparation and objectivity, we'll help you choose the dispute resolution tactic that's right for your situation. That can include negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or trial as a last resort.

Separating from a partner can be a difficult and stressful time for you and your family, but it can also be an amicable and cooperative process whereby you can use mediation instead of litigation, and avoid the stress, conflict, time, and costs of going to court.

#### Why we recommend mediation

We generally propose it as the starting point to reaching a fair settlement in any separation. We can act as your mediator to provide professional and compassionate services backed by our experience. Mediation provides a fair, safe and objective process to reach a resolution. Clients meet in the comfort of an office environment instead of a courtroom.

We have extensive experience with mediation and the arbitration process and often use them to reach a settlement outside of court. This helps both parties reach a solution as quickly as possible without the added stress of a courtroom. We do everything we can to preserve co-parenting relationships for the benefit of the kids.

Negotiation is often the first step to restore a family law dispute; however, when an agreement is not possible, we will fight for your rights in court. We have extensive experience in difficult family cases. We strive to obtain your goals in court, representing your interests strongly and passionately.

We also have strong, well-established connections with experts,

including psychologists, accountants, business and pension evaluators, and parenting consultants.

#### A lawyer who picks up the phone

You need a lawyer who takes the time to understand your situation and goals. Someone who is available to talk to you and will reply to emails quickly. We make sure you get that level of service throughout the process, ensuring nothing slips through the cracks.

Adding complicated legal jargon to an already stressful situation isn't helpful. We'll communicate with you in plain English and save the legal language for legal documents.

#### Keeping costs under control

You're already dealing with a lot, and worrying about legal fees is the last thing you need. We start by weighing costs against benefits and continue to do this at every step of the process. Because we assign tasks to the right people at the right seniority and skill levels, you aren't paying higher fees unnecessarily.

### **Related Professionals**

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