



Mediation can save time, money, and emotional stress during divorce.

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Hi, there,

Divorce is often fraught with pain, anger, and resentment. Hard feelings and differences of opinion may make it difficult for both sides to reach an amicable agreement. As a result, many couples go through an exhausting, expensive legal battle over property division, custody, and child support issues.

Mediation can help divorcing couples avoid litigation and achieve satisfactory compromises on high-stake points. At Lebron Law, PLLC, we explain how divorce mediation works in Florida.

What is Mediation?



During mediation, both divorcing spouses and their attorneys voluntarily agree to meet with an independent,

neutral mediator to work out any conflict-prone issues like asset distribution, time-sharing, or alimony. Mediators facilitate and promote agreements that suit both parties. They are not decision-makers like arbitrators and judges.

In Florida, mediation is required for divorcing parties and parties resolving paternity litigation before trying the case in court. The **exception** is relationships in which one party has been subject to abuse and the balance of power is inappropriate for mediation. The goal is to help couples achieve an uncontested divorce, which requires agreement on key issues such as:

- Property division
- Alimony
- Child custody and child support

While you don't have to sign a legal agreement during divorce mediation, you must attend a mediation conference if the judge orders it, or you may face court sanctions.



Who Chooses My Mediator?

Generally, the spouses can choose any mediator they prefer once the court orders mediation. If the couple can't find a mediator that suits them both, the judge will appoint one after 10 days from the order.



When Does Mediation Take Place?

Couples can choose mediation at any stage of divorce proceedings, even after finalizing the divorce. Early mediation can help achieve a quick and amicable uncontested divorce. Starting mediation early can prevent conflicts over money or custody from escalating. Mediation is also beneficial post-divorce, especially if disputes arise over child support, time-sharing, or relocation.



Why Is Mediation Preferable to Litigation?

While some divorces require litigation, mediation is often more efficient, less stressful, and cost-effective. Benefits of mediation include:

- Saving time, stress, and money.
 - Allowing more control over key issues like property division and spousal support.
 - Maintaining family privacy.
 - Offering flexibility and dialogue, unlike court verdicts that are hard to appeal.
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Do I Need a Divorce Lawyer If I Work With a Mediator?

Mediators are neutral and don't provide legal advice, so it's essential to have a lawyer represent your interests. Your lawyer will:

- Ensure you understand your legal rights.
- Negotiate a fair settlement.
- Review settlement proposals.
- Prepare legal paperwork.

Your Mediation and “Divorce Attorney Near Me” in Kissimmee, FL

Mediation can help you cut down on legal fees, avoid a nasty court battle, and preserve your peace of mind. However, you need committed, experienced legal representation to ensure you achieve a fair divorce settlement. When you consider hiring a divorce lawyer, choose a results-driven, committed law firm that treats you as an individual and custom-builds a legal strategy.

Let Michele Lebron Esq. of Lebron Law, PLLC help you through your divorce with as little mental, emotional, and financial damage as possible.

What is the Role of a Mediator?

- Maintaining neutrality, fairness, and impartiality
- Maintaining confidentiality and privacy
- No pressure upon either parties to reach agreements
- Facilitating open communication for settlement options

Protect your rights as a parent.

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