
AI WORKSHOP

Exercise 2: Create a Side-by-Side Risk Chart Using AI

Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to show how AI can help a mediator convert narrative case materials into a structured risk chart that is easy to review and use in preparation, caucus, or joint session planning.

Materials

Use only the materials provided for the workshop:

- Case summary for **Wilhemina Brown v. Jarrold Green**
- Plaintiff's confidential pre-mediation brief
- Defendant's confidential pre-mediation brief

Do **not** add outside facts, legal research, or assumptions not grounded in the materials.

Task

Using an AI tool, create a **side-by-side mediation risk chart** for this case.

The chart should compare the parties' positions on the major issues and identify the mediator's practical risk focus for each issue.

Your chart should include these columns

1. **Issue**
2. **Plaintiff position**
3. **Defendant position**
4. **Mediator risk focus**

Your chart should address at least these issues

- Core theory of the case
- Liability for the collision
- Seatbelt non-use
- Pre-existing deviated septum
- Expert evidence
- Medical causation
- Damages valuation
- Best-case, likely-case, and worst-case outcome views
- Main settlement barrier

Instructions

1. Review the case summary and both confidential briefs.
2. Prompt the AI to produce a side-by-side risk chart.
3. Review the output carefully.
4. Revise it as needed so that it:
 - reflects only the supplied materials;
 - remains neutral in tone;
 - accurately distinguishes between admitted collision liability and disputed damages causation;
 - identifies the real mediation significance of each issue;
 - is concise enough to be used by a mediator in practice.

Suggested prompt

You may use this prompt or create your own:

“Using the attached case summary and confidential mediation briefs, create a side-by-side mediation risk chart with four columns: Issue, Plaintiff Position, Defendant Position, and Mediator Risk Focus. Focus on the major disputed issues, including seatbelt non-use, pre-existing condition, expert evidence, medical causation, damages valuation, and the likely settlement gap. Use neutral language. Do not invent facts.”

Deliverable

Be prepared to share:

- your final risk chart; and
- one issue that the AI captured particularly well; and
- one issue that needed human refinement or correction.

What to watch for

As you review the AI output, ask yourself:

- Did the AI identify the right issues?
- Did it keep the chart practical rather than overly detailed?
- Did it separate **liability for the accident** from **apportionment of injury**?
- Did it identify the real value-driving issues?
- Did it use neutral language, or did it echo one side's rhetoric?
- Would this chart help a mediator run a more efficient session?

Time suggested

- **10 minutes** to generate and refine the chart
- **5 minutes** to compare with others or prepare to report back

Debrief questions

After the exercise, be ready to discuss:

1. Did the chart make the case clearer?
2. What issue did the AI emphasize correctly?
3. What issue did it underplay or overstate?
4. How useful would this be in your own mediation preparation?
5. What did you need to add that the AI did not supply well on its own?