

This short evaluation will help you determine if mediation is right for you.

Mediation can be a faster, cheaper way to resolve disputes—often before, during, or after litigation starts. Answer these 5 quick questions to see if it's a good fit for your situation. (Note: This is for educational purposes only—not legal advice!)

MEDIATION EVALUATION

1. What's your main goal in resolving this dispute?

- A) Find a fair agreement that works for everyone involved.
- B) Get a quick resolution without too much hassle.
- C) Win at all costs, even if it means a long fight.

2. How important is keeping the relationship intact (e.g., with family, business partners, or neighbors)?

- A) Very important—I don't want to burn bridges.
- B) Somewhat important, but results matter more.
- C) Not important—I'm okay if it gets adversarial.

3. What's your timeline for resolution?

- A) As soon as possible, ideally in weeks or months.
- B) I can wait a bit, but not forever.
- C) I'm prepared for it to take years if needed.

4. How do you feel about costs?

- A) I want to keep expenses low and avoid high legal fees.
- B) I'm okay with some costs if it gets resolved fairly.
- C) Cost isn't a big concern—justice is worth it.

5. Are you open to creative solutions outside strict legal rules?

- A) Yes, flexibility sounds great!
- B) Maybe, if it leads to a good outcome.
- C) No, I prefer a judge's black-and-white decision.

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Scoring Your Results

- Count your answers: Mostly A's? Add 3 points per A, 2 per B, 1 per C.
- **13-15 points: Mediation is a Great Fit!** You're looking for collaborative, efficient solutions. Mediation can help you negotiate a win-win before escalating to full litigation—saving time, money, and stress. It's often successful (70-80% settlement rate) and keeps things confidential.
- **9-12 points: Mediation Could Be a Smart Option!** You value practicality but have some reservations. Try mediation as a low-risk step in the litigation process—it can resolve issues quickly, and if it doesn't work, you can still go to court.
- **5-8 points: Litigation Might Be Better, But Consider Mediation First!** Your situation sounds high-stakes or one-sided. Still, courts often mandate mediation early on—give it a shot to potentially avoid a drawn-out battle.

No matter your score, understanding your options is key! Download our free "Mediation Guide" [link] or contact us for a no-obligation chat to discuss your case.