

Issues to Mediate

Overview

Divorce mediation is a cooperative process that addresses each individual's (and their children's) specific interests, concerns and needs moving forward. The divorce mediation checklist contains topics that are often discussed in a mediation involving a separation or a divorce. Using the checklist will help to ensure that you are fully prepared to go into your mediation.

Parenting

Who has legal custody of the Children?	<p>Legal Custody refers to who makes major decisions about the children regarding education, religion, and major healthcare. Legal custody can be Sole Custody or Joint Custody (50/50).</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who has residential custody?	<p>Residential Custody refers to where the children will spend most of their time. In certain cases, Residential Custody can be split equally between the two parents, or in some other manner that works for you and your children.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will the parenting schedule work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekdays• Weekends• Holidays• Summers• Birthdays• Extended vacation times• Travel plans• Temporary changes to plan• Pickup Arrangements <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How will the communication work? (telephone, email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between parents • Between parents and children <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will Child Support work?	<p>Child support: amount; method; time</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will extra expenses be covered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses for extras: activities, birthday parties, non-essential items • Health insurance • Medical expenses not covered by insurance • Childcare expenses • School/college expenses <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other fiscal decisions to be discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax deductions • Life insurance beneficiaries <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Spousal Support and Expenses

Will there be spousal support?	<p>Amount, method, time</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health insurance	<p>Who, how long?</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life insurance	<p>Amount, type, time, beneficiaries</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Equitable Distribution of Property

What is the value of your assets and liabilities? How are they to be divided?	<p>Marital residence and other real estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensions• Property expenses (mortgage, utilities, taxes)• Household furnishings• Motor vehicles (payments, insurance, expenses)• Savings/checking accounts• Investments/stocks• Credit card and other consumer debt• Personal debt• School loans• Insurance (cash value)• Tax refunds or payments due• Inheritance• Bankruptcy• Business <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Issues To Mediate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving from the marital residence into a separate residence• Legal expenses of mediated divorce• Resolving future disputes <p>Notes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional notes: