Lowndes

Mediation

If a case can't be resolved through a negotiated settlement, mediation may be the next step. During this confidential process, you and your spouse, along with your respective counsel, will meet with a neutral third party to help you reach a settlement.

The mediator, who is often an experienced family law attorney or former family law judge, does not serve as a judge during the mediation. Instead, the mediator acts as a referee of sorts between the parties, with no authority to make decisions regarding the case. Like a negotiated settlement, only you and your spouse have the power to decide the outcome of your case based on what is best for each of you and your family.

Even if you plan to take your case before a judge, mediation will usually be required first. Despite this mandatory requirement, many couples still opt for mediation when going through family law mattersbecause it is generally quicker, more cost effective and leaves the final resolution to the spouses as opposed to a court-appointed judge.

Mediation gives you input and the final say on decisions regarding how your assets will be divided, how you will spend time with your children, and what will happen with your family home. It also provides an opportunity for you, your spouse and counsel to find creative solutions that will benefit everyone, since oftentimes the court's hands are tied as to how it can rule on certain issues.

We are experienced at counseling clients throughout the mediation process, and we can serve as your trusted advisor and advocate to ensure your settlement is fair and thorough. We are also able to serve as a mediator for parties involved in a family law dispute.

Key Contacts

Terry C. Young

Derren K. Ciaglia

Crystal E. Buit

Related Professionals

Terry C. Young

Derren K. Ciaglia

Crystal E. Buit

Haley C. Davis

Sean Klein

Chelsea A. Miller

Bradley W. Rossway

Krista Runte

Related Expertise

Alimony & Spousal Support

Cohabitation Agreements

Collaborative Divorce

Complex & High Net-Worth Divorce

Divorce

Family & Marital Law

Parenting Plans, Timesharing & Child Support

Paternity & Unmarried Parents

Post-Divorce Modifications & Enforcement

Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements

Property Division & Equitable Distribution