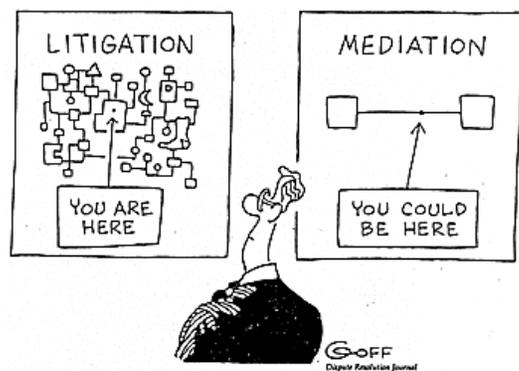


ACCESS PRO BONO FAMILY MEDIATION

A positive way to resolve family conflict



A free, impartial, and confidential
service for eligible clients of
Access Pro Bono

What is family mediation?

It is a way to resolve disputes without fighting, going to court, giving up, or simply avoiding the issues.

The goal is to support people in coming to mutually agreed upon solutions through respectful dialogue.



How does it work?

- Call or email us to provide information on the situation.
- The Mediation Coordinator will contact you to explain the process and answer your questions.
- Mediation is possible only if all parties agree to participate.
- Each party will receive advice from a family law lawyer.
- Mediation is then scheduled with a BC Law Society accredited mediator.
- The mediation is up to 3 hours.
- If the parties reach a mutual understanding, each will receive independent legal advice before signing an agreement.

Benefits of Mediation

- Convenient
- Informal
- Accessible
- Voluntary
- Confidential
- Parties make the decisions
- Less expensive & faster than court
- Greater satisfaction
- Improved compliance
- Reduces family conflict
- Preserves family emotional and financial resources

Benefits for Children

Separation generates conflict, which can harm children. They are at higher risk of:

- loss of effective parenting
- disrupted crucial parental attachments
- altered neurochemistry, and
- reduced intellectual development
-and many other harmful affects

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