

## WHAT TO ANTICIPATE IN MEDIATION

I will provide a comfortable setting where we can meet together or separately and will have plenty of water and snacks, and meals if mediation extends over meal times.

I suggest that you clear your own calendar so that you do not have obligations or appointments causing you to terminate mediation or to be distracted.

I like to start mediation in one room with the parties and their attorneys if they bring attorneys. We will review the Agreement to Mediate ([link](#)) and create a list of issues each party would like to have addressed.

We will group the issues into categories and decide where we should begin.

The parties will have the option to continue meeting together or to move into separate rooms to discuss the issues identified.

The decision to meet together or separately can be revisited as mediation proceeds.

When meeting together, I typically do not allow you to be accompanied by someone other than your attorney. If you feel it necessary to bring a support person, he or she can join you when we meet separately or you can take a break and consult with your support privately.

If you reach an agreement, it will be reduced to writing, in the form of a Settlement Agreement that is signed by both parties or not signed. If the Agreement is signed, it is enforceable, if it is not signed the parties can take it to their attorney or someone they trust for review or just taken home to ponder before signing.

If you reach an agreement that you both wish to sign, I can prepare the documents necessary to finalize the divorce or divorce modification for an additional fee..

I schedule one (1) mediation per day and will continue to assist you to reach an agreement so long as you are willing to continue to pursue resolution. At any time during the process either party can terminate mediation.