

Topics for Divorce Mediation

PARENTING

Access to Information & People:

Educational and medical records;
 Teachers, doctors, etc.

Medical Emergencies: Decision making, notification, legal consent

Daily Schedule: Children's living arrangements for a typical week

Holidays: Secular and religious holidays, birthdays, reunions

Vacations: Summer vacations, winter and spring breaks, travel

Transportation: Pick-up and drop-off arrangements

Parental Change of Residence:

Restrictions, notice to other parent

Decision-Making: Major decisions about education, medical treatment, religion, discipline, safety

Renegotiation: Periodic review of plan, building in flexibility

Conflict Resolution: Structure for settling any future disputes

DIVISION OF PROPERTY

Full Disclosure: Gathering and sharing of financial information and documentation concerning all assets and debts

Procedure for Division:

Identification
 Valuation
 Marital vs. Non-Marital
 Division

Some Categories of Assets:

Household Furnishings
 Vehicles
 Other Personal Property
 Bank Accounts
 Accounts Receivable
 Stocks, Bonds, Funds
 Real Estate
 Life Insurance
 Business Interests
 Pensions, IRA, 401(k), etc.
 Patents, Stock Options, etc.

Some Categories of Debts:

Mortgages
 Bank Loans (e.g., car loans)
 Loans on Life Insurance
 Personal Loans
 Credit Cards

CHILD SUPPORT AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT

Budgeting: Children's expenses and parents' expenses

Income: Identifying all sources

Child Support: Calculating basic support level, school tuition, extraordinary medical expenses, childcare expenses, camp fees

Spousal Support: Needs, amount, type, and duration

Adjustments: Cost of living, changed circumstances

OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Medical Insurance

Life Insurance

College Tuition & Expenses

Taxes:

Dependency Exemptions,
 Dividing Refunds & Liabilities,
 Alimony vs. Child Support