

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

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.

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