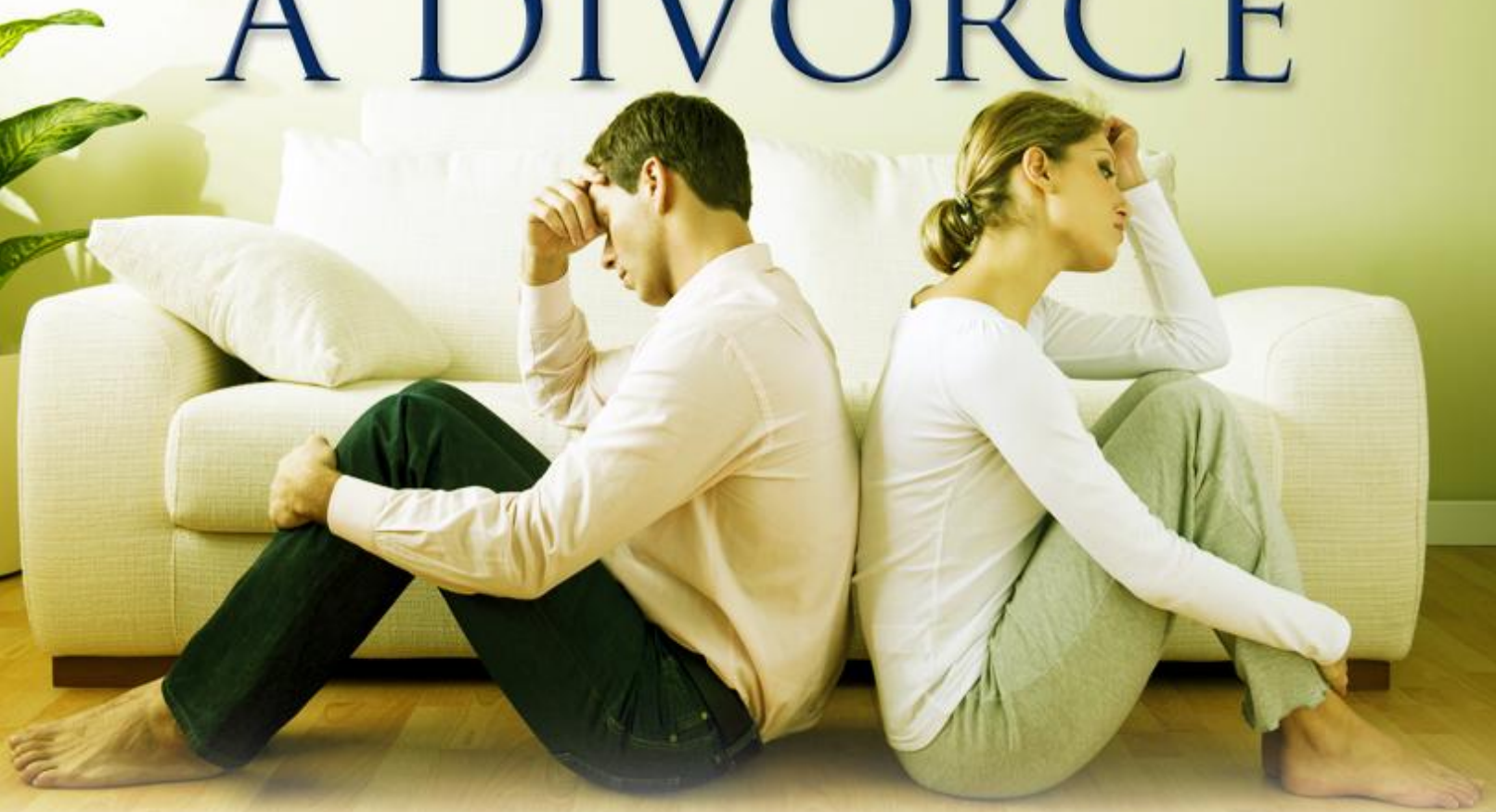


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WELCOME



After practicing law in a traditional way for 17 years, I converted my law practice into a mediation practice because helping people resolve disputes in family matters, instead of contributing to the animosity and pain, was the right way to serve them and use my skills and talents as a professional.

I love what I do and it shines thru. You will leave my office feeling better than you did when you started the process. Separation and divorce are painful and require courage to get thru. The well being of your children and moving forward in life are of paramount concern in mediation.

Having helped people thru the process of divorce for 30 years, I am comfortable working with couples at all stages of the process from those who walk in the door as friends with many issues resolved to those who have been litigating for years and need to start out in separate rooms. Everyone's children and future are important.

I am an Accredited Professional Mediator thru the New Jersey Association of Mediators; court appointed Mediator in family and estate matters; and Top 1% of endorsed mediators on LinkedIn. I enjoy training new mediators, presenting seminars and guest lecturing at law schools. My goal is help you thru your divorce as painlessly and inexpensively as possible.



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About 50% of first marriages end in divorce and they do not have to be bitter or contentious. Some couples find marriage is just not for them and while they can still be civil to one another and make decisions about their children without an argument, they would rather not be married. Even when there are hard feelings or it is a struggle to get along, couples can manage the divorce process without a lengthy court battle. Mediation is one of the best tools available to help divorcing couples end their marriage without a frustrating legal battle.

Mediation provides many benefits. In some states, mediation is required before a divorcing couple can pursue traditional litigation. The court system understands that the oversight of a judge is often not necessary for divorcing couples – each simply needs his or her opinions heard and considered, and then they are able to come to terms regarding the dissolution of their marriage. Unfortunately, many couples that could manage to mediate their divorce instead wind up in court, damaging their relationship further, depleting needed family resources and harming their children and themselves.

What are some of the specific benefits of using mediation for divorce?

1 MEDIATION PROTECTS CHILDREN

Divorcing couples who are parents understand how important it is to keep their kids safe and shield them from emotional danger during the transition. Divorce is never easy on kids, but when the process is free of a long, drawn-out court battle, it is at least *easier*. Mediation gives parents an opportunity to create an arrangement that is best for their children, instead of leaving the decisions up to the court. It can also provide an opportunity for children to participate in the process. Depending on the circumstances, kids might have an opportunity to make a statement about what they want and how they envision their new life to be.

2 MEDIATION IS AFFORDABLE

One of the best advantages of mediation is that it costs less than other divorce methods. In simpler instances, the only cost might be that of the neutral mediator, which is split between the two spouses. Even if a couple chooses to hire individual legal representation or bring on a team of experts to help with their mediation, it is still

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less expensive than traditional litigation. Over the course of a lengthy trial, costs build up and end up costing thousands of dollars. Mediation avoids this because it is efficient and gives the couple more control of their situation.

3 MEDIATION TAKES LESS TIME

One of the main reasons mediation costs less is because it does not take as long as traditional litigation. Mediation is usually completed in a few months versus years in court. This means fewer billable hours for attorneys if the couple has chosen individual representation. In mediation, the exchange of documents is generally smooth and quick. The typical lengthy discovery phase is avoided. The process fosters open and complete disclosure of information.

4 MEDIATION GIVES CONTROL TO THE DIVORCING COUPLE

It might be hard for some people to believe, but giving the power to a divorcing couple to make their own decisions often makes it easier for them to iron out the details of their divorce. Even in instances when a couple seems to constantly be at odds, a successful mediator can help them communicate effectively and come to terms about their divorce. This helps each spouse feel empowered and willing to compromise and do what is best for everyone in the family.

5 MEDIATION PROVIDES THE RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR SMART DECISION-MAKING

Mediation can occur with just a divorcing couple and the neutral mediator. Decisions are left up to the couple and the mediator facilitates conversation, makes suggestions, offers options and insures the final arrangement is legal. However, if a couple has a complicated situation, they have the option of consulting other professionals with expertise in various areas. For instance, the mediator may suggest a consulting with a real estate professional, a financial expert or a child psychologist. The divorcing couple is able to ask questions from these experts and use the input to make their final decisions.

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6 MEDIATION IS PRIVATE

Another advantage of mediation is the privacy it provides. Traditional litigation makes divorce proceedings, including personal and financial information, a matter of public record. With mediation, the negotiations, discussions and exchange of financial information is more private. This generally serves the interests of the children as well as the divorcing couple.

7 MEDIATION OPENS THE DOOR FOR A CIVIL RELATIONSHIP AFTER DIVORCE

Despite divorcing, there are many reasons a couple needs to continue a relationship after their marriage ends. For instance, if they are parents, decisions about children still need to be shared. Working with a mediator gives couples a good base with which to begin communicating effectively. Since the process is about reaching a resolution instead of choosing winners and losers, couples move forward with the skills needed to manage their family, even after divorce.

If you are considering divorce, but you prefer to avoid the turmoil often experienced by your children and the expense and hassle of traditional litigation, mediation can help. Joan G. Geiger is an experienced and skilled mediator who can help you resolve disputes with care and consideration. She has more than 20 years of experience and is an accredited member of the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators. If you would like more information or you are ready to schedule a consultation, contact Joan at 908.526.4300 or by email at joangg@aol.com or visit her website at www.3winwin.com.

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