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FAQS

Mediation Specialist - Restoring Balance Through Dispute Resolution

What is Mediation?

Mediation is an alternative approach to settling disputes between parties without involving the courts. Examples of Domestic Mediation are as follows: divorce, child custody, child support, visitation, alimony, asset & liability distribution, real and personal property distribution, retirement distribution, pet custody, etc. Examples of Civil Mediation are as follows: neighbor disputes, property damage, partnership disputes, employer/employee disputes, etc.

What is the process?

In mediation, the parties in dispute will meet with a neutral individual (the Mediator) to discuss the issues at hand. Once all parties have had an opportunity to express their perspective, the Mediator assists in negotiations between the parties in order to facilitate a resolution on all outstanding issues.

Do I need an attorney?

No. It is your choice. At DKI Mediation Specialists, we have mediated cases when only one party was represented by an attorney, when all parties were represented by attorneys, and when none of the parties were represented by attorneys.

Do all parties have to be in the same room?

No. All parties do not have to be in the same room. If any party prefers to be in a separate room, the Mediator simply goes back and forth between rooms to facilitate negotiations.

Does the Mediator determine the outcome?

No. The Mediator does not determine the outcome. The PARTIES determine the outcome. There are two primary objectives of mediation: 1) To save the parties time and money from an extensive & costly court procedure, and most importantly 2) To allow the parties to determine their own fate by taking the final decision making out of the hands of a judge or jury. No matter how strong of a case one may feel he/she has, no one can ever guarantee what a ruling will be from a judge or jury.

Please note that there are legal parameters that must be met in certain cases