

# Supreme Court Westchester County

## MATRIMONIAL MEDIATION NOW OFFERED IN SETTLING DIVORCE CASES

### MEDIATION

- is a confidential process where a neutral, experienced mediator helps parties identify issues, talk to each other and possibly reach an agreement that can be incorporated into a divorce judgment.
- can result in a faster, more convenient, less expensive and less acrimonious settlement.
- can increase satisfaction and compliance with agreements.
- is offered free for the first 90 minute session. If additional sessions are scheduled by the parties, fee arrangement is made with the mediator.

Sessions can be with or without individual attorneys, although parties are encouraged to seek legal advice from their lawyers throughout the process.

### Mediators:

- have completed 60 hours of family mediation training
- have at least 4 years of experience including 250 hours of face-to-face mediation with clients
- complete other training deemed appropriate by NYS Office of Court Administration

To find out how mediation works, contact :  
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To schedule a free mediation session and to obtain forms, contact:  
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*\*Not all cases may be appropriate for mediation*