

General Information

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 Hours: Vary, based upon case by case participant availability
 Evening Appointments: Yes
 Weekend Appointments: Yes (Saturday)
 Long Distance/Phone Mediation: Yes; Remote (i.e. Skype) accessibility available

Fee Information

Minimum 2-hour payment required for first mediation session
All subsequent mediation sessions charged in 15-minute increments

\$55 per hour (per person)
\$75 per hour (per person) for long distance Phone/Remote sessions
 Payment is required in full at the beginning of each mediation session, and 7 days prior to all Phone/Remote sessions
 Cash, Cashier Check, or Money Order accepted
No waivers accepted
10% Discount for Parents who complete shared parenting exercise 30 minutes prior to first mediation session

Average number of hours or sessions usually needed:
 1 to 2 sessions **or** 2 to 4 hours; highly contingent upon participation of parties and complexity of issues.

Average Cost of the Memorandum of Understanding:
Option 1: Completed **On-Site** during each mediation session: **No Extra Fee**
Option 2: Completed **Off-Site** outside mediation: **\$55 per hour** (average 3 hrs)

Experience

	SINCE:
Construction	1978
Landlord/Tenant	1979
Family/Relationship Divorce/Dissolution	1996
Business	1996
Credit & Debt	1996
Consumer	2000
Child and Family Investigation	2003

Professional Affiliations:

Court Appointed Child and Family Investigator
 Parenting Coordinator, Decision Maker

Education & Training

2016 – Mediating Domestic Cases in Colorado
 2016 – Restructuring Difficult Family Relationships
 2016 – Shield the Vulnerable (detecting child abuse)
 2015 - Cultural Competence
 2015 - Trauma Informed Care (meeting needs of abuse victims)
 2014 - Domestic Violence, Neurobiology of Trauma
 2004 – 2016 – 9th Judicial District Court and Family Investigator Annual Training
 2013 - Domestic Violence, Recovery in Children Exposed
 2012 – AFCC Child Alienation Training
 2012 – Ninth Judicial District Court and Family Investigator Annual Training
 2012 – Parenting Coordinator & Decision-Maker Training
 2012 – Child and Family Investigator Training (Supreme Court Administrative Office)

2011 – AFCC Alternative Dispute Resolution in Family Cases
2010 – AFCC High Conflict Families in Domestic Relation Cases
2010 – Medical Marijuana Parenting Time
2007 – USPS Transformative Mediation Training
2004 – AFCC High Conflict Parenting Coordination & Custody Evaluation Training
1997 – Small Claims Mediation Internship
1996 – CDR Associates Mediation General Training

Activities

21 years experience conducting mediation
More than 3500 hours of mediation
More than 700 hours of child and family investigation
Former Small Claims Mediation Volunteer
Social Justice Activist
Child Advocate
Consumer Advocate

Currently Handling Types: **1-(family/relationship/divorce/dissolution)**
 3-(employment)
 4-(civil)
 5-(probate)

Motto – Always Mediate First

Slogan – Negotiation Instead Of Litigation

Mantra – Center to Mediate

Philosophy – Conflicts are challenges waiting for solutions. Disputes are solutions waiting to happen.