

full service divorce practice

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"We offer you choices and customize the process to suit your needs"

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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE READER

The words that follow are heartfelt and I hope you will receive them in the same spirit in which they are offered.

Divorce is not easy under any circumstances. It is a time of uncertainty, pain, confusion, instability, frustration, and extreme emotions. It is a time when we need to be heard, when we need to trust and be trusted, when we need strength and courage and more than ever, it is a time when we need an anchor to help stabilize our course.

The dissolution process, and how it is navigated, can do serious and lasting damage or it can actually begin the healing that you and your loved ones will need to rebuild a healthy future. Whatever the process, it is hard work.

It is no surprise that the common thread that resonates most with divorcing parties is the welfare, emotional stability, and overall well being of the children. Here is an opportunity to safeguard them from the emotional and financial damage that most often results from the combative "go for the jugular" approach.

Also critical to most is the desire to avoid unnecessary time expenditures and/or escalating fees. You've heard the war stories and seen the casualties. Here is an opportunity to opt out of that war. Being well informed is the foundation of sound choices. Allow me to assist in answering your questions about available options. Whether or not I am retained, I counsel you to study the differences of each process and to follow the path that feels right for the outcome you are seeking. Robert Frost wrote: "Two roads diverged in the woods and I took the one less traveled, and that has made all the difference....."

I wish you the wisdom and the strength to choose the road less traveled.

Rosemarie S. McElhaney

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Divorce can be hurtful, damaging and costly.....



Divorce can be Cooperative, Peaceful and Cost-effective



It can even be the first step toward healing and treasured memories to come.....

Protect yourselves and your children with wise and loving choices

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Wiser Ways to Get a Divorce And Stay Out of Court

MEDIATION

- * Neither party is represented by the Attorney
- * Attorney Mediator assists as third party neutral
- * Interests of both spouses are supported
- * Parties are empowered to reach their own decisions
- * Supporting professionals available "as needed"
- * Commitment to settle all issues out of court
- * Interest based negotiation facilitated
- * No court intervention
- * Assistance with expanded solutions
- * Success requires full disclosure, honesty, flexibility transparency, trust and mutual respect
- * Cost substantially less where process is "used as intended"
- * Parties advised to respectively consult with attorney during or at conclusion of case
- * Substantial cost savings where process "used as intended"

COLLABORATION

- * Each spouse is represented by an Attorney trained in the collaborative process
- * Attorneys provide legal information and guidance
- * Partial or full team of professionals provided from inception or "as needed"
- * Best interest of the family is advanced
- * No court intervention
- * Interest based negotiations facilitated
- * Divorce coaches facilitate communication of parties
- * Child specialist gives voice to the children
- * Neutral financial consultant prepares budgets evaluates and Clarifies financial issues & provides financial options
- * Success requires full disclosure, honesty, and flexibility
- * Transparency, trust and mutual respect are vital
- * Cost conceivably substantially less than litigation where process is "used as intended"

LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION

- * Legal Representation for settlement purposes only
- * Representation as consultant only
- * Unbundled Services

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Robert Frost

Attorney and Mediator over 20 years

Experience:

Administrative Law Judge
Judge Pro Tempore
Adjunct Law School Instructor
Court Mediator
Mediator & Mediation Program Director
Over a thousand hours of training in collaboration, mediation, psychology, and communication skills.

Activities:

Co-founded the Redwood Empire Juvenile Victim Offender Mediation Program
Co-founded Collaborative Divorce Solutions of Orange County
Board of Directors for the Redwood Empire Mediation Center
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Past President and Board of Directors Collaborative Divorce Solutions of Orange County
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Memberships:

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