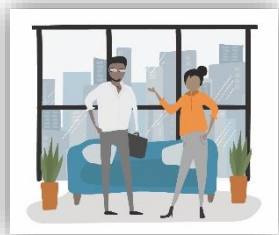


OVERVIEW – OF ALL OPTIONS

The best process for you balances, not only cost, but who's in control of the decisions and how much help you'll need.
The final judgment must be entered by the Court no matter which option you choose.

SEE OUR DECISION-MAKING CHART FOR A TOPIC-BY-TOPIC COMPARISON OF THESE OPTIONS.



STREAMLINE DIVORCESM

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- **Spouses write up their own agreement**
- Parties remain in **control** of decisions
- Parties should have an **amicable** settlement in mind or be able to agree on their divorce issues using easy to follow **forms**
- NOT suitable for complex issues



MEDIATION

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- **Spouses reach agreement guided by mediator**
- Parties remain in **control** of decisions
- Parties who want **step-by-step guidance** or disagree on some issues and need neutral help to explore options and reach resolution
- More creative options are possible (and encouraged)



COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

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- **Attorneys and Parties work together collaboratively out of court to Reach a Resolution**
- Experts are brought in as needed (i.e. Mediators, financial experts, mental health professionals, etc.)
- Requires full disclosure and involves mutual and informed decision-making



TRADITIONAL CASE (COURT-BASED)

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- **A Decision May Be Imposed on You**
- **Uncertainty:** Judges' perspectives and interpretations of law are not always predictable or uniform
- **Lack of Control:** The Court is now in control of your case and making decisions regarding you, your children, and your property
- **Time Frame:** Mandatory scheduled court dates and possibility of appeal
- May be the only option if other party is unreasonable, dangerous or won't voluntarily participate or disclose information or if your spouse has not been informed you are considering divorce



LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION

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- **Hourly Services**
- **PLANNING:** Pre-Filing planning, documentation & understanding range of possible outcomes
- **ADVICE:** Consultation to answer legal questions regarding family law
- **DRAFTING:** Documents, court orders and/or required forms
- **COURT DATES:** Limited issue court appearances are possible