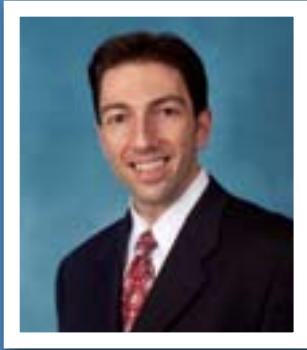


Not All Mediators Are The Same...



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I appreciate the trust you're placing in me and promise to do everything I can to help you both resolve the issues surrounding your divorce in a peaceful, efficient and cost-effective manner.



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Now that you've made the difficult decision to divorce, you've taken an important step by selecting mediation as your best path forward versus the more contentious processes of litigation or collaborative divorce. But you still have one more very important decision to make: **the choice of which mediator to use.**

As mediators come from a variety of backgrounds and possess varying levels of experience, how do you know which mediator is right for you? It's important you understand not all mediators are created equal and your choice will impact you and your family for the rest of your life so it's important you choose carefully.

Below you will find some questions which will help you gain a better understanding of the qualifications and experience of the individual you're considering to mediate your divorce.

- 1 Are you accredited by the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators?**
- 2 How active and well known are you in the divorce mediation community?**
- 3 What type of educational background do you possess and what do you do to remain current in the field?**
- 4 Is divorce mediation your full time profession?**
- 5 Have you ever experienced divorce first-hand?**

As one of only 100 Accredited Professional Mediators® in the State of New Jersey, I am honored to be a member of an elite group of mediation professionals who share an advanced level of knowledge and professional experience that few others in the field possess. For more than 20 years, I have helped individuals and corporations successfully negotiate complex legal agreements and would welcome the opportunity to put that knowledge and experience to work for your family, helping you create a custom settlement that meets your families' unique desires and needs.

In addition to my legal experience, [having a Master's degree in Finance allows me to help couples just like you resolve the complex financial issues that surround divorce.](#) The equitable distribution of your property and debts, the calculation of child support and the conversations surrounding alimony all require someone with an advanced level of financial expertise, no matter how straightforward your case might appear to be.

[As a full-time divorce mediation professional,](#) I continue to stay abreast of important changes in the law and mediation that will affect your settlement by participating in formal training from MIT, Harvard University, NJAPM and the NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education. I am a regular contributor of articles to Divorce Source and DivorceHQ, publish a nationally-recognized blog, speak about divorce mediation regularly and have been a featured mediator at the annual NJAPM Divorce Mediation Conference.

Experience and credentials aside, there is one thing I feel that sets me apart from other divorce mediators: I've experienced firsthand the lasting damage divorce can do. [My parents divorced when I was a child](#) and the resulting litigation was so adversarial that I haven't spoken to my father in more than 25 years. To this day my mother hasn't gotten over the emotional trauma that the divorce inflicted and I want to make sure this doesn't happen to either of you.

[Please let me help you](#) and your families get through your divorce and begin the healing process of rebuilding your lives as I know from experience exactly where you and your children are and where mediation can help you to be.

