



DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN MEDIATION

PARENTING DECISIONS

RESIDENCY & LEGAL CUSTODY

Sole custody and decision making by one parent
Joint decision making but reside mostly with one parent
Split residency and joint decision making

Activities needing mutual consent or discussion

ACCESS OR VISITATION:

Weekends
Weekdays
Holidays and long weekends
School recesses
Summer vacations
Birthdays -- yours and theirs
Other special occasions
Notice of changes
Expenses of missed times
Telephone calls

GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS

Foreign travel
Relocating with children

ACCESS TO RECORDS

Doctors, dentists, etc.
Schools and teachers

NOTIFICATIONS OF

Addresses and phone numbers
Illnesses and accidents
Children's whereabouts

GRANDPARENTS' VISITATION

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION DECISIONS

REAL ESTATE (House or other)

Who occupies until sale

Who pays expenses until sale:

Mortgage

Taxes

Utilities

Insurance

Repairs

Sale of house:

When -- age or graduation of children, remarriage, cohabitation.

Selling price -- how to determine

Division of proceeds

Tax Escrow & Tax

Adjustments

Option to buy

Expenses of sale

Capital Gains tax

Buy-out

Price

Payment terms

Mortgage

Refinance

RETIREMENT FUNDS

Valuation

Division of Value -- lump sum, pay-out or both

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSETS, including licenses and degrees

Valuation

Division of Value -- lump sum, pay-out or both

DIVISION OF ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Cars

Boats,

Jewelry

Collectibles

Bank accounts

Stocks, bonds, tax shelters, etc.

Household furniture

Family photographs

DEBTS & LIABILITIES

Who is to pay

Credit cards

Car loans

Bank loans
Pension loans

Life insurance loans

SUPPORT DECISIONS

CHILD SUPPORT

Amount
Time of payment
Amount of reduction on emancipation
or attending college
Emancipation:
College
Marriage
Living away
Employment

Cost of Living Adjustments

Child Care expenses for working
College or private school tuition
Summer camp/activities
Extracurricular activities

MEDICAL

CHILDREN

Who provides insurance?
Who pays uncovered expenses?
Decisions on elective procedures, including
orthodontia.
Who files for insurance?
Dental, prescriptions, glasses, psychotherapy
expenses?

SPOUSE

Who provides insurance?
Who pays uncovered expenses?
elective procedures
Dental, prescriptions, glasses, psychotherapy
expenses?
"Cobra" rights and cooperation

LIFE INSURANCE

Amount
Type
Beneficiary
Trustee for children
Duration

MAINTENANCE (formerly alimony):

Amount
Time of payment
Duration — number of years, remarriage, cohabitation
Cost of Living Adjustment

OTHER DECISIONS

INCOME TAXES

- Exemptions for children
- Joint or separate return and division of refunds
- Audits of previous returns and payment of deficiency

FUTURE DISPUTES

- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Legal fees

MISCELLANEOUS

- Grounds for divorce: fault or no-fault
- Plaintiff: Husband or Wife?
- Timing of divorce
- Religious divorce
- Wills

USUAL DOCUMENTATION

Depending on your circumstances:

Income Tax Returns -- personal and business for 3 years

Paystubs

Bank statements

Pension statements

Budget worksheets