

# THE ILLINOIS DIVORCE MEDIATION PROCESS

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## Initial Consultation

- Sign the Initial Consultation Form
- Sign Confidentiality Agreement
- Go through the Client Intake
- Review the Mediation Agreement
- Discuss the Mediation Process

## Mediation Period

- Mediations will last for approximately 2 hours
- When appropriate, written debriefs will be sent to clients after mediation sessions
- The number of mediation sessions depends on the complexity of the issues and the parties' communication
- During this period, one or both parties may wish to speak to a *consulting attorney*

## Marital Settlement Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")

- Will draft and review the Marital Settlement Agreement and Agreed Parenting Plan, Separation Agreement, or a more informal Memorandum of Understanding
- Parties may review the agreement with a *reviewing attorney*

## Filing Divorce Papers & Attending Prove-Up

- Both Parties are encouraged to have their own consulting attorney to complete this stage.

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