

Settling a Divorce

The difference between following an in-court approach compared to an out-of-court strategy.

in-court

out-of-court

control

A judge makes decisions about your future and family. Your lawyer will control all aspects of your case.

You will be able to make decisions based on what is important to you and your family. You will not need a lawyer to talk for you or control the process.

cost

The judicial system is complex and time consuming, involving expensive motions, hearings, conferences, and trials. Attorneys will need to handle all of the work and communication, which adds to the expense.

You never step into a court to resolve your divorce. This saves money on court expenses, and ensures less reliance on attorneys, resulting in substantial savings.

time

You will need to attend regular court hearings set with little flexibility or concern for your schedule.

You control the time-line, the agenda and the pace.

focus

Your lawyers will be argumentative with a win-lose mentality. It will be a constant battle, where focus will be given to filing proceedings in court to make your case.

Mediators and Collaborative Law professionals will focus on problem solving. They will work with you and your spouse to find a win-win solution for everyone involved.

privacy

There will be no consideration of your personal privacy. All of your issues and your past may be aired publicly and used to make decisions.

All of your meetings will be in a small, private setting with complete confidentiality.

children

Long-term conflict between divorced parents causes serious negative physical and mental health effects on children. Divorce in court encourages conflict between parents that lasts well after the divorce.

The best interests of the children is the primary focus. By encouraging parents to communicate and collaborate to resolve the divorce, conflict between parents is reduced during and after the divorce.

Contact us to find out which divorce option is best for you.

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