

DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN DIVORCE 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-your and theirs
Other special occasions
Notice of changes
Expenses of missed times
Telephone calls

GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS:

Foreign travel
Relocating the children

ACCESS TO RECORDS:

Doctors, dentist, etc.
Schools and teachers

NOTIFICATIONS OF:

Addresses and phone numbers
Illnesses and accidents
Children's whereabouts

GRANDPARENTS' VISITATION

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION DECISIONS

REAL ESTATE (marital home 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, cohabiting.

Selling price - how to determine

Division of proceeds

Option to buy

Expenses of sale

Capital Gains tax

RETIREMENT FUNDS:

Valuation

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

DIVISION OF ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Cars

Boats

Jewelry

Household furniture

Bank accounts

Stock, bonds, tax shelters, etc.

Collectibles

Family photographs

BUSINESS INTERESTS:

- Valuation

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

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

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:

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

LIFE INSURANCE:

Amount
Type
Beneficiary
Trustee for children
Duration

ALIMONY:

Amount	Health insurance, including COBRA rights
Time of payment	Cost of Living Adjustment
Duration	

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:

Religious divorce
Wills

USUAL DOCUMENTATION

(Depending on your circumstances):

Income Tax Returns - personal and business for 3 years
Pay Stubs
Bank Statements
Pension Statements
Budget Worksheet