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Mediation is a family-centered conflict resolution process in which an impartial third party assists the participants in negotiating a consensual, informed and fair agreement. Decision-making rests with the parties throughout. The mediator assists the parties in identifying issues and information needs, reducing obstacles to communication, exploring alternatives and focusing on the needs and interests of those who it is agreed are affected.

The Alberta Family Mediation Society (AFMS) is a non-profit organization promoting the development and appropriate use of mediation as an alternative to emotionally and financially costly court actions.

AFMS does not endorse nor take responsibility for the competence or experience of the mediators listed. The society provides this list to the public only for informational purposes. Each mediator listed has advised AFMS of meeting minimum standards of education and family mediation training, presented evidence of malpractice insurance, agreed to participate in continuing education programs, and subscribed to the Code of Professional Conduct of AFMS.

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Susan is passionate about helping families move forward in the best possible way. She has over 15 years of experience dedicated solely to the practice of mediation. She began Modern Divorce in 2012 and has assisted hundreds of families to successfully negotiate the terms of their separation agreements, parenting plans, and support arrangements. She was previously employed as a Mediator and Caseload Coordinator at Alberta Justice for over 10 years, where she continues to facilitate the Focus on Communication in Separation course. Susan offers mediation to separating and/or blended families.

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I have been mediating for 20 years (since 1997) and have been involved in family mediations as well as civil mediations, neighborhood mediations, workplace and oil and gas mediations over the years on a full-time and part-time basis. My family mediation experience includes a culturally diverse clientele in the areas of parent-teen, divorce and separation, common law and same sex couples separation, ethnic (multi-cultural) couples, 'convenience marriage' dissolution, child abandonment, criminal activity causing separation, mobility after separation (international relocation), mental health (i.e. depression) and medical issues (including palliative care and death of a parent), parenting for pets, religious implications of divorce, extremely high conflict couples, family group conference regarding grandparents involvement, short-term trial-separation, and reconciliation. In 20 years, more than half of my mediations have been family related. Most mediations were face-to-face, followed by shuttle and telephone mediations, and group conferences. I specialize in facilitating online mediations. I am also fluent in the German language.

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Zeina has been practicing mediation since 2010. Combining her innate skills of conflict resolution with the learned art of mediation she is able to help resolve a whole array of issues. Zeina describes the resolution after a heated conflict as transformational power that touches all those involved.

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One of the ways I like to think about mediation is in how some conditions might be "necessary" in the assurance of good Family outcomes, but which in and of themselves, might still be "insufficient". For example, few would disagree that it is necessary for parents to define a set of agreements, and to exhibit some degree of co-operation in constructing future-oriented plans. However, these "necessary" conditions may be "insufficient" in the overall picture. Without directly addressing (in some helpful way) the issues which lie at the heart of their conflict, the risk is that contentiousness will somehow continue. In pursuing these difficult issues, I think, we reinforce and strengthen the "sufficient" conditions of the mediation process.

In evaluating the success (or not) of my mediations, I look at Family life for children. After all, the children are the "sine qua non" of what brought the Family into mediation. When the parents truly "agree" (and really come to manage their conflict), we likely best provide needed assurances of future Family health.

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