

Divorce Process Options

	Kitchen Table	Mediation	Collaborative Divorce	Attorney Settlement	Litigation
Description	Do-It-Yourself	The spouses work with a neutral third-party to create agreements.	A collaborative team approach to restructuring families and finding creative win/win solutions.	Divorce within an adversarial system.	
	The spouses come to agreements on their own.	Use of a third party to facilitate discussions.	The spouses work with a collaborative team to create agreements.	The spouses communicate through attorneys to create agreements.	The spouses ask a judge to decide the issues that are unresolved.
Required Professionals	None.	1. Divorce Mediator.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborative attorney for one spouse. 2. Collaborative attorney for the other spouse. 3. Financial Neutral. 4. Divorce Coach. 	Usually at least one attorney for each spouse.	
Optional Professionals	The spouses may hire a professional to draft the final legal documents.	One or two attorneys to prepare and review documents and give legal advice.	Specialists in fields such as accounting, business, pensions, mortgages, children, and vocation.		
Fees	Least Expensive				Most Expensive
Client Control	Most Control				Least Control