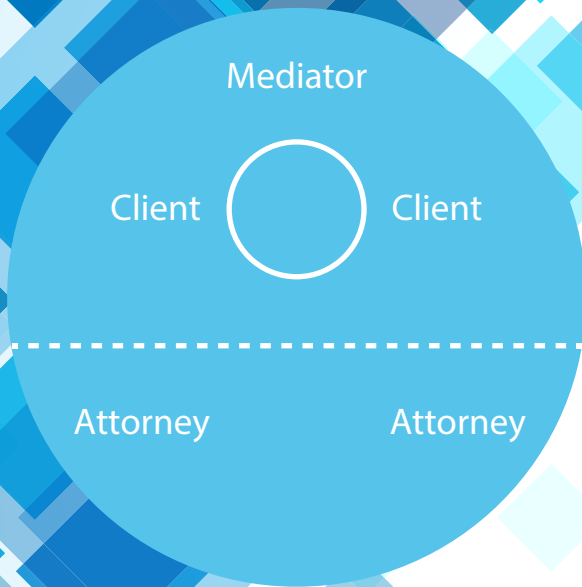


# Mediation



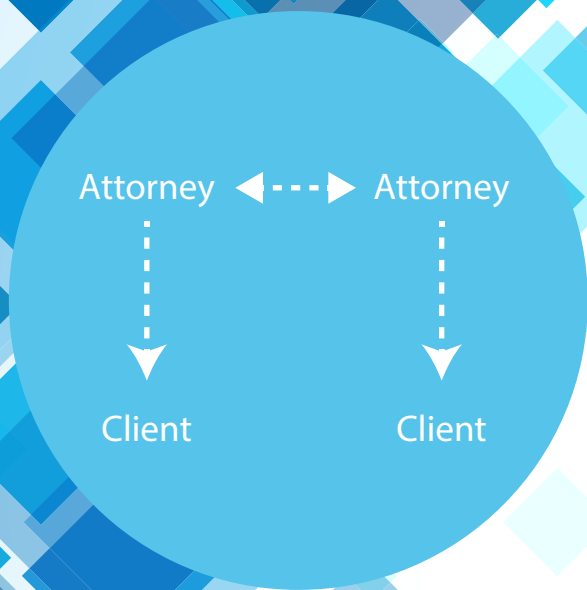
- Facilitated discussions by a neutral without taking sides
- Does not provide legal advice to either side.
- Encourages possibilities for agreement
- Assists you in developing options for agreement
- Collects financial information
- Helps you locate attorneys for legal advice and process the dissolution

# Collaborative Practice

- A collaboratively trained attorney for each spouse
- Focuses on respect and dignity, effective co-parenting and financial plans
- May include child coach/child specialist and financial neutral to address family's needs
- No litigation-one court appearance to dissolve the marriage
- Reduced hostility and controllable costs



# Attorney Settlement



- Spouses hire separate attorneys to negotiate an agreement
- Attorney speaks on behalf of their client
- Proposal and Counter proposals exchanged until case is resolved
- Can be cooperative with the right attorneys but can also lead to litigation

# Litigation

- Spouses hire separate attorneys
- Most expensive process
- Damages family relationships and most detrimental to children caught in between
- The court decides on matters
- Multiple Court appearances and eventual trial dates for evidentiary hearings
- Lots of waiting time at the courthouse
- May require formal discovery/expert witnesses which add to the cost

