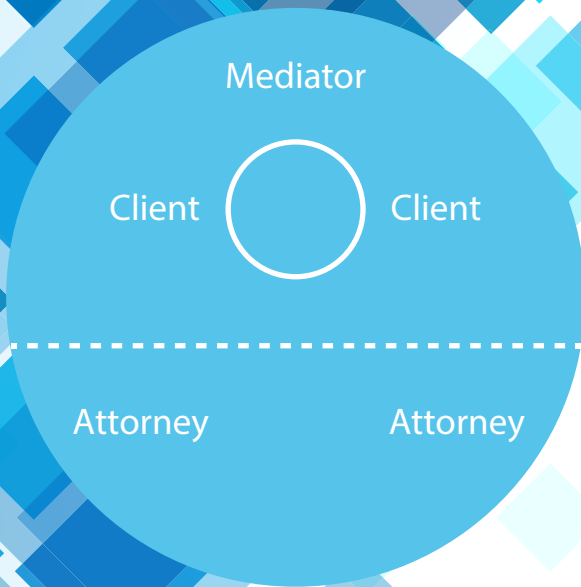


Mediation



- Facilitated discussions by a neutral without taking sides
- Collects financial information
- Assists you in developing options for agreement
- Drafts the memo
- Helps you locate attorneys for legal advice and process the dissolution

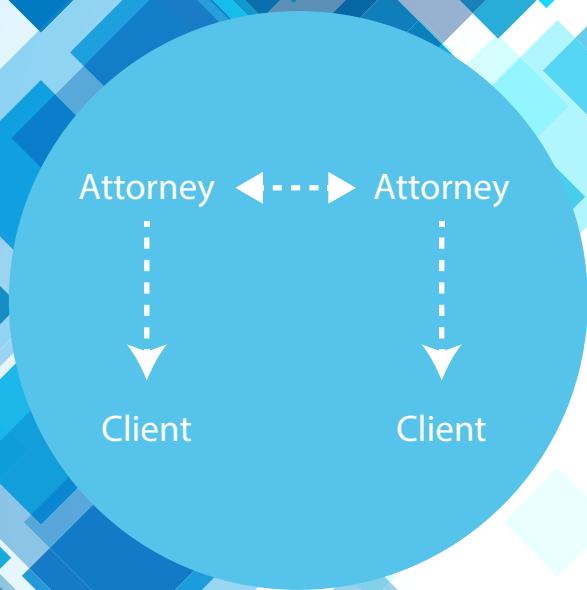
Collaborative Practice

- No litigation-one court appearance to dissolve the marriage
- A collaboratively trained attorney for each spouse
- Focuses on interest based agreement, effective co-parenting and financial plans
- May include coach/child specialist and financial neutral to address family's needs
- Reduces hostility and controls 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
- Most damaging to family relationships and most detrimental to children caught in the middle
- Formal discovering process
- May lead to court decision trial
- Lots of waiting time at the courthouse

