



Family Mediation

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Family Mediation is a way of resolving disputes which arise as a result of the breakdown of a relationship. It is designed to give you a chance to sort things out directly, whilst the mediator acts as a facilitator of the process. It is an integral part of family law at Anthony Gold as we are committed to adopting a constructive and conciliatory approach to resolving family problems.

The head of our Family team, Kim Beatson, was one of the first solicitors in the UK to qualify as a mediator. Caroline Bowden is one of the busiest lawyer mediators in London.

There is now also a requirement to attend a meeting to find out about mediation if you are thinking of applying to Court. This Mediation, Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) is not a mediation meeting in itself, but we could give you information about mediation and other alternatives to Court. You can attend as in individual, or on the same day as the other person.





What is Mediation?

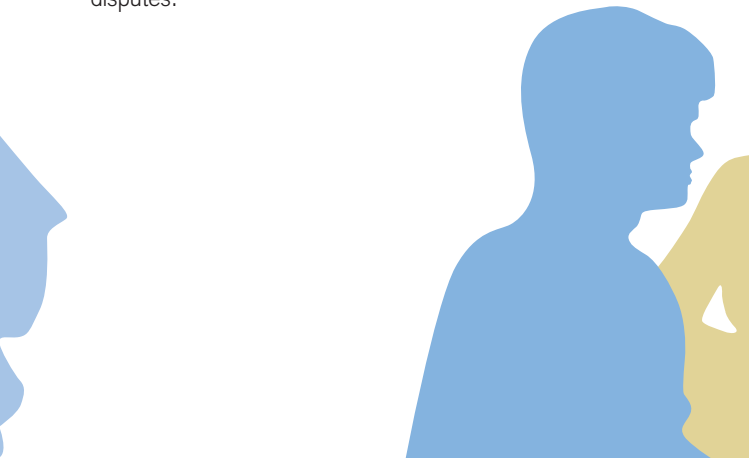
A separating couple must work out the practical arrangements for themselves and any children. Mediation enables people to make decisions regarding their family and themselves with reduced conflict and animosity. This benefits both the couple and any children of the relationship. Mediation is entirely confidential and can run alongside family proceedings. Anything discussed in Mediation cannot be used in any eventual court proceedings that take place if a settlement is not reached.

How does it work?

The couple will meet with a Mediator who will help couples consider various options for settlement and help the couple as they move towards considering a settlement which they both find acceptable. The Mediator will assist the couple identify areas of agreement, clarify where they disagree and identify options available to each of them.

If you come to us for Mediation we cannot act as your solicitor in any court proceedings. We will advise you to take independent legal advice if mediation is not successful. Sometimes you may want to refer back to your own solicitor between meetings to discuss how things are going from your own perspective.

If we are acting for you as your solicitor we also frequently recommend that our clients attend Mediation to resolve their disputes.

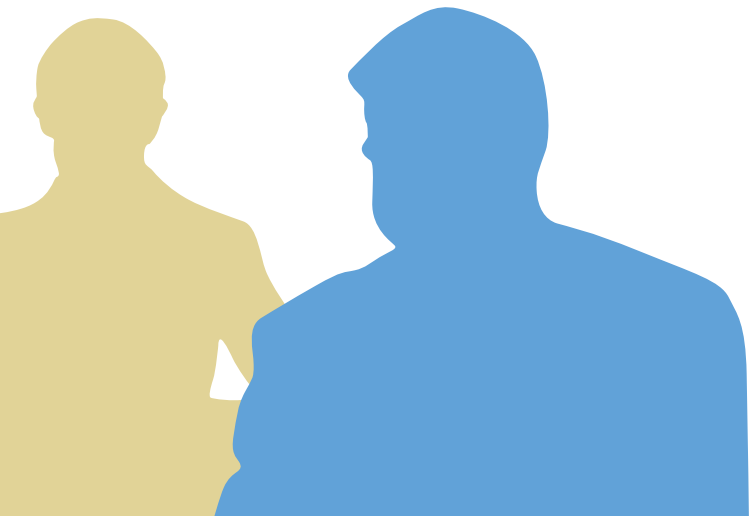




What problems can be brought to Mediation?

We can help you:

- Agree on financial division and support.
- Make decisions about separation or divorce.
- Decide on property or housing arrangements.
- Ensure that all child care and visiting arrangements can be agreed amicably.





Our team



Kim Beatson is a member of the Law Society's Advanced Mediation Panel. She is an accredited Resolution specialist in cohabitation and high value cases. Kim has undertaken hundreds of mediations dealing with all issues.

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Caroline Bowden is a member of the Law Society's Advanced Mediation Panel. She is an accredited Family Law specialist with Resolution, the Solicitors Family Law Association. She is a member of Resolution's National Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee which covers mediation and collaborative law. Caroline is also an Accredited Mediator with the Legal Services Commission so can also offer publicly funded mediation. She has extensive experience of all types of family mediation.

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