



# SOLACE DIVORCE MEDIATION

In your Solace consultation we discussed the various options you have available to you to move forward with your case. We want you to be educated and feel comfortable with the differences between your choices. Please find a comparison of the offerings of Solace Divorce Mediation versus the other options you have available to you:

	<b>SOLACE DIVORCE MEDIATION</b>	<b>COURT LITIGATION PROCESS</b>	<b>OTHER MEDIATORS</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<p>The average Solace journey 2 - 4 months from the first mediation session until the one and only prove-up hearing court appearance required to finalize your process. We take a mindful and immersive approach to dissolution.</p> <p>Solace offers a full service process from start to finish, which includes the entire mediation process and complete legal process. We take care of everything, giving you the time and space to focus on yourself and your family.</p>	<p>Unknown. COVID-19 has substantially impacted the court system.</p> <p>Typical length of time for a divorce without children: 1 year.</p> <p>Typical length of time for a divorce with children: 1.5 - 2 years.</p> <p>You will most likely have your first court appearance 6 months after filing the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.</p>	<p>Most other mediation practices require you to take your final Memorandum of Understanding to another attorney to draft your legal documents. Making it a disjointed two-part process for you and extending the amount of time necessary to complete your process.</p>
<b>COST</b>	<p>Solace offers flat fee costs for various journey types. Your specific journey type is determined by the number of mediation sessions you utilize. You will be billed only when and as you travel throughout your journey through our ZolaSuite client management system.</p> <p>You have managed expectations regarding overall cost and time spent on your case.</p>	<p>Costs in the litigation system are completely unknown as you have zero control of the time required to represent your individual best interests.</p> <p>Typical attorney retainers: \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00 per person.</p>	<p>Typically you will pay an hourly fee for all work performed in the mediation process, and also will be required to retain and pay an attorney hourly costs to draft all required legal documents, e-file with the court, schedule your prove-up hearing, and potentially conduct the prove-up hearing.</p>
<b>AMOUNT OF CONTROL YOU HAVE</b>	<p>You have complete control to create the agreements that are in the best interest of your children and the marital property division agreements that are fair and equitable to your unique marriage.</p>	<p>You have zero control. You are not allowed to talk in the courtroom, instead, your attorney will do the talking for you. You give all of your power to a random stranger, wearing a robe and elevated at the front of the courtroom, in the form of a Judge making all the decisions for you.</p>	<p>You have complete control to create the agreements that are in the best interest of your children and the marital property division that is fair and equitable to your unique marriage.</p>



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<b>SERVICES PROVIDED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are provided with the full and complete journey from start to finish, beginning with the empowering Solace mediation process whereby you will receive a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding capturing all conversations and agreements and all necessary child support, maintenance, and marital property division reports following each mediation session.</li> <li>Solace guides you through the entire legal process, ending with the one and only court hearing required to finalize your journey.</li> <li>The Solace journey is focused on the best interests of both of you and the happiness of your present and future lives, as well as the health and well-being of your family.</li> <li>Divorce coaching is infused into your journey, helping you shift the way you are viewing and experiencing your process from one of destruction to one of empowerment and growth.</li> <li>You are provided with tools and resources to help you balance your mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual selves providing support during one of the most difficult emotional experiences of your life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courtroom litigation services, whereby your attorney will draft motions on your behalf advocating for your individual best interest.</li> <li>Your best interest in the courtroom does not include the health and well-being of your children, nor does it include the health and well-being of your co-parenting relationship. It is solely focused on YOUR best interest and uses the governing statute as a tool to advocate for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, you will engage in the mediation process and receive a Memorandum of Understanding following each mediation session.</li> <li>You take your final Memorandum of Understanding to an attorney to draft your legal documents, e-file your case, and schedule you for your prove-up hearing.</li> </ul>
<b>PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified Family Law Mediators</li> <li>Certified Life Coaches</li> <li>Divorce Coaches</li> <li>Licensed Illinois Family Law Attorneys.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed Illinois Family Law Attorneys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified Family Law Mediators</li> </ul>