

FAMILY MEDIATION

ONCE MEDIATION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED, IT IS MANDATORY, NOT VOLUNTARY!

All cases that involve minor and/or disabled children or property issues will automatically be scheduled for mediation after the Answer to the Petition is filed. If a Counter-Petition is filed, mediation will be set after an Answer is received to the Counter Petition.

If, at a hearing, the Judge orders mediation before all of the answers are filed, the Family Court Coordinator must be copied with that order. It is best to contact the Mediation at 321-690-6834, a couple of weeks after the hearing if mediation has not been set. Give the Mediator your case number and he/she will look into setting the mediation

If you have an order that says you are to go back to mediation if problems arise, before taking the matter back to court, you must contact the Mediator and advise him/her of this fact. Give the Mediator your case number and he/she will pull your file to verify and send the case back to mediation.

If one party has defaulted but both parties feel that a peaceful relationship between all parties can be maintained if mediation is held and possibly an agreement reached, contact the Mediator and request the matter be referred for mediation.

If you have an **emergency** and are unable to attend your mediation session, you are required to notify mediation at 321-690-6834 to reschedule your session.

If you have signed and filed a written agreement with your spouse before your mediation date, you are required to notify mediation to cancel your session.

The Court may impose sanctions against you if:

- 1. You fail to give proper and timely notice of the need to cancel mediation, and**
- 2. You fail to attend a mediation session.**

NOTE: **Both parties** have an obligation to notify the Clerk of the Court, in writing, of any change in their address, at:

Clerk of Circuit Court
Family Division
P. O. Box 219
Titusville, FL 32781-0219

ABOVE ALL ELSE, BE COURTEOUS. DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE OTHER PARTY!