



CONTINUUM OF PROCESS CHOICES FOR SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

KITCHEN TABLE *MEDIATION* *COLLABORATIVE LAW* *COURT-BASED SETTLEMENT* *LITIGATION*

←-----SPECTRUM-----→

High good will toward one another
 Want best for whole family
 More responsibility on the couple
 Less expensive
 Less time to complete
 Couple controls the final outcome

Low good will; high conflict
 Want best for self
 More responsibility on the lawyers/court
 More expensive
 More time to complete
 Court controls the final outcome

As a couple you have:

- Good conflict resolution skills
- Good organization skills
- Ability to listen and communicate
- Ability to see shades of grey
- Willingness to find a “middle ground”
- Ability to advocate for yourself

As a couple you have:

- Poor conflict resolution skills
- Poor organization skills
- Inability to listen and communicate
- See in black and white
- Need to “win”; other to “lose”
- Desire to delegate authority

←-----Legal documents needed to be drafted in all processes-----→

Paper work needed in ALL processes includes:

Net Worth Statement(s)
 Settlement/Separation Agreement
 Judgment Roll for divorce and filing fees
 Qualified Domestic Relations Order(s) - if qualified retirement plans are being divided
 Deed(s) and transfer documents - if real property/vehicles are being transferred

Other Professionals providing assistance:

Financial Specialists (help with gathering financial information and guiding you through the budgeting process)

Therapists (help with emotions/relationship transition; provide a voice for children; help with parenting plan)

Mediator/Facilitators (help with communication and constructive negotiations)