

## **INFORMATION TO BRING TO MEDIATION**

Suggested items to bring to mediation are:

- All paperwork to determine income – such as at least 3 recent (current year) pay stubs, W-2 and 1099 for the past 3 years & tax returns for the past 3 years.
- All paperwork concerning community assets for the past 3 years - such as bank accounts & brokerage accounts, current house note, down payment, equity, current appraisals of assets, current loan value, value of retirement plan at marriage and now, vehicle titles, loan on vehicle, deeds to all real estate, car value, etc.
- All paperwork concerning the community liabilities for the past 3 years - all outstanding debts such as bank loans, advances on retirement plans, credit card number and balance due at time of separation and now.
- All paperwork concerning separate property assets and liabilities. If separate property is alleged, proof is required.
- All insurance paperwork – health, life, vehicle, homeowners, etc.
- Photos, emails, texts, recordings, etc.
- Bring all log-in names & passwords for any accounts you have in case it is necessary to access the information via the internet.
- Laptop, I-pad and phone if it contains potential information that might be needed at mediation.
- Proof of all potential allegations that might be made at the mediation.
- Drug test results.
- If a social study was done, bring it.
- If past-due child support is an issue, the print-out from the Child Support Disbursement Unit.
- If discovery was issued, all paperwork available to you.
- Copies of all active pleadings filed with the court.
- If real estate is involved, bring appraisal or a realtor estimate of the property's current value.
- Detailed list of all personal property (furniture, artwork, household goods, etc.) that is community property and how you intend to divide it.
- If you own a business, you will need to bring all financial information regarding the business.
- Anything else that you think might need to resolve disputes at mediation.
- If custody is an issue, be prepared to discuss why you should have primary custody and why the other parent should not have custody. (Be specific & concise – with examples.)
- Be prepared to discuss possible ideas on how to co-parent with the other parent. Please research what a Standard Possession Order and an Expanded Possession Order is in Texas.
- Bring a written list of all of your concerns, issues and/or problems to the mediation. Please do not bring up a new topic (concern) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour of the mediation. If something is a “concern” I need to know about it in the first hour. If you don't bring it up at the beginning of the mediation, then I will assume it is NOT important to you.
- If children are involved in your case, bring a photo of the children to mediation.
- Think about your best outcome if this case goes to trial and your worst possible outcome if this case is not resolved today.
- Please come prepared to work hard and to compromise to resolve your disputes.