

The legal help you need.

Mediation is an excellent alternative for families who are separating. It enables them to find common ground and work together toward the best possible result for themselves and their children. Mediation is a better, more flexible solution for complex lives. It offers several important benefits:

- Helps both parties move forward with their lives and develop a respect-based working relationship
- Allows both parties to be heard in a safe, non-threatening, and less-stressful environment
- Salvages relationships that typically have emotional and financial ties and that must continue for years
- Saves significant time and money over engaging with the court system
- Helps to maintain control over the divorce process

To learn more about how Fraas Mediation can help you, call (530) 546-4663 to schedule a confidential, complimentary consultation.

The Mediation Process

During your complementary consultation, we review the mediation process, your issues and challenges, and the agreement to mediate. We discuss a realistic plan for resolving your situation.

If you decide to move forward with mediation after our initial consultation, you will pay a retainer for 10 hours of work. That is often sufficient to complete the mediation process. Billing is in 10-minute increments, and any unused retainer is promptly refunded at the conclusion of our work together.

"I had learnt the true practice of law. I had learnt to find out the better side of human nature and to enter men's hearts. I realized the true function of a lawyer was to unite parties riven asunder. The lesson was so indelibly burnt into to me that a large part of my time during the twenty years of my practice as a lawyer was occupied in bringing about private compromises of hundreds of cases. I lost nothing thereby — not even money, certainly not my soul. —MAHATMA GANDHI



Helping families move forward...



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Fraas Mediation helps you get your life back.

I am an attorney and Certified Family Law Specialist—practicing in California and Nevada. Personal experience has taught me that going to court is not the best way to handle a divorce. Mediation is far more effective.

“LISA WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR SITUATION, YET WE GOT THROUGH THIS WHILE KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE IN THE COMFORT THAT THEIR PARENTS WERE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THEM.”

Mediation respects everyone involved. It saves time, because it immediately identifies and focuses on issues that are important to each party. And mediation is exponentially less expensive than dealing with the court system.

Mediation allows you to control your destiny, while going to court can create real problems. Judges are well-intentioned but over-worked. Family law dockets are jammed. In many instances, a judge, who knows nothing about you or your family, makes decisions that can impact your lives for years. Mediation, on the other hand, honors your desires. Our work together helps restore peace to your family and creates a foundation of mutual respect and understanding.

Fraas Mediation works with both parties to a divorce, providing important information about legal issues, rights, and options. We can meet together or separately. We can also include other attorneys, your accountant, or a trusted counselor in the process. My goal is to tailor mediation to your needs.

Fraas Mediation can also draft final divorce documents, or if you prefer, can refer you to a paralegal. You can, of course, choose to use your own attorney.

Divorce can be a difficult and challenging process, but Fraas Mediation focuses on making it smoother, simpler, and less expensive.

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About Lisa Fraas

Licensed to practice in California and Nevada, I have worked in all areas of family law, including prenuptial agreements, divorce, custody, support, adoption, and property division. I have appeared in hundreds of trials, hearings, and settlement conferences.

- Admitted as Counselor and Attorney at Law by the State Bar of California, 1989
- Admitted as Counselor and Attorney at Law by the State Bar of Nevada, 1993
- Certificate of Specialization in Family Law, California Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California, 2003
- Court-appointed mediator, State of California, Nevada County, and Placer County Superior Courts
- Certified in the theory and practice of mediation
- Certified in interdisciplinary collaborative law
- Former President of the Tahoe Truckee Bar Association
- Judge Pro Tem for the Placer and Nevada County Superior Courts
- J.D., Rutgers School of Law
- B.A., Business Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, with High Honors
- Mother of three

