

The Law Offices of Donald D. Vanarelli provides mediation services in family and divorce cases, including lawsuits.

DIVORCE MEDIATION:
THE SENSIBLE, AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE

Divorce Mediation is an alternative to fighting in court with your spouse through attorneys. Instead of court, you and your spouse meet together in a private and confidential environment, with New Jersey and New York attorney-mediator Donald D. Vanarelli, who serves as your neutral and impartial mediation professional. As your family mediator, Don assists you and your spouse in negotiating and reaching agreement on the five issues of divorce: alimony, property distribution and, if there are children, custody, visitation and child support.

HOW DOES MEDIATION WORK?

The mediator will help you to resolve all issues concerning your divorce through a process in which he will:

- Identify the needs of each party and the children.
- Help gather information, including the financial information necessary to make decisions about the division of assets and support issues.
- Discuss what each party wants and help explore various alternative solutions to resolve the issues of custody, property division and support.
- Assist you and your spouse in reaching an agreement that satisfies both parties.

ADVANTAGES OF MEDIATION

Divorce Mediation Preserves Control ...

- Mediation helps preserve a good relationship with your spouse and reduces the tension on the children.
- The mediation builds a base for future cooperation between the parties and teaches the parties how to resolve issues in a cooperative manner.

Divorce Mediation Promotes Parenting ...

- The cooperative approach of family and divorce mediation helps to focus on your children's needs and to

Divorce Mediation Is Less Costly ...

- Mediated divorces usually cost between \$3,000 – \$6,000. If you litigate your divorce, the cost will be significantly higher!

Divorce Mediation Is Much Quicker ...

- Mediated divorces take considerably less time to resolve than litigated divorces. Typically, mediated divorces take 3-10 sessions over 1-4 months rather than years to resolve.

Divorce Mediation Is Highly Successful ...

- The success rate for divorce mediation is high: 90% of separating clients who voluntarily come to mediation complete the process. Also, there are much fewer post-divorce court applications in mediated divorces.

Divorce Mediation Allows For More Creative Solutions ...

- Face-to-face problem-solving allows for more detailed planning and more creative and satisfactory outcomes.

Divorce Mediation Is Confidential ...

- All of your negotiations in family and divorce mediation are protected under New Jersey law as absolutely

WHO CAN USE MEDIATION?

Anyone with the desire to settle disputes reasonably and at less cost can reach agreement in mediation. **Mediation is effective even when conflict and anger is high, and communication has broken down.**

FEES

Fees are moderate and on an hourly basis. You pay only for the actual time you use. We ask that you share in payment of the fees in a way that is appropriate to your situation, remembering that the mediator is working for both of you.

HOW TO PROCEED

All you need to do is to call (908) 232-7400 and arrange for a mutually convenient appointment for you and your spouse to come in for a consultation. At that time, a detailed explanation of how we proceed is described, and a written outline provided. Both of you receive the same information, thereby assuring that each of you will be on equal footing from the outset.

FIRM PROFILE

The Law Firm of Donald D. Vanarelli is committed to helping divorcing couples achieve a satisfactory resolution of their dispute. We are dedicated to resolving disputes under the principle of self-determination – decision-making authority in the mediation process rests with the di-

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ATTORNEY – MEDIATOR



Donald D. Vanarelli has been a practicing attorney since 1983, admitted to practice law in New Jersey and New York. A graduate of Rutgers Law School, Don practices in areas of elder law, estate planning and probate administration, and divorce mediation. Before becoming an attorney, Don worked for the Social Security Administration adjudicating claims for benefits under the Social Security, SSI, Medicare and Medicaid programs. Immediately after graduating law school, Don served as Law Clerk to Hon. Herbert S. Alterman, J.S.C., NJ Superior Court. Don is a graduate of the NJ Bar Association's mediation training programs for probate cases, general equity and civil lawsuits, and family and divorce cases. Don received advanced mediation training at the NJ Institute for Dispute Resolution. He has been approved as a mediator under the NJ Court Rules. Don is a member of the NJ Association of Professional Mediators. Don is also board-certified as an Elder Law Attorney. Don is certified as a Registered Guardian by the National Guardianship Foundation and works as a professional fiduciary.

Don maintains offices at 242 St. Paul Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 Tel: (908) 232-7400.

FAMILY AND DIVORCE MEDIATION SERVICES

- ◇ Dissolution of Marriage
- ◇ Separations-Married and Unmarried
- ◇ Parenting and Custody Agreements
- ◇ Child and Spousal Support
- ◇ Division of Property and Debts
- ◇ Modifications of Support and Custody
- ◇ Pre-Marital Agreements
- ◇ Co-Habitation Agreements
- ◇ Marital Financial Issues
- ◇ Gay and Lesbian Partners
- ◇ Step-Family Issues
- ◇ Inheritance Disputes
- ◇ Will Contests and Probate Matters
- ◇ Guardianship Disputes
- ◇ Estate and Elder Law Issues

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WHY CHOOSE DONALD D. VANARELLI TO MEDIATE YOUR DISPUTE?

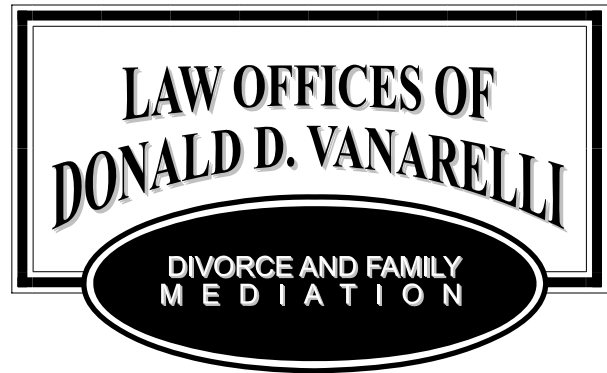
Qualifications! Parties choosing a mediator to handle the resolution of an important dispute should have their mediation process handled by a professional who is neutral, experienced, and who knows the substantive law. Donald D. Vanarelli has the background and knowledge necessary to be an effective mediator. Qualifications include:

- ⇔ Trained in mediation and conflict resolution techniques
- ⇔ Accredited as a Mediator under the NJ Court Rules
- ⇔ Graduate, NJ Bar Association's Family Law Mediation Training Program
- ⇔ Graduate, NJ Bar Association's Mediation Training Program in Probate, General Equity Cases and Civil Lawsuits
- ⇔ Advanced Mediation Training, NJ Institute for Dispute Resolution

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