

Mediation

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Litigation, although sometimes necessary to accomplish certain goals, can be expensive, inefficient, and time consuming. In order to streamline the resolution process, individuals involved in a family law dispute in Utah are required to attempt mediation before seeking final resolution in court. Mediation can be a valuable tool in multiple areas of family law, including divorce, paternity, and adoption. The goal of mediation is to **create a joint agreement that both parties have a say in producing.**

Saving Time & Money

When successful, mediation results in quicker and stronger outcomes. Mediation usually saves the parties time and money when compared to prolonged litigation. A mediation session is **conducted by an agreed upon mediator**. The parties are generally in separate rooms with their attorneys. The mediator visits each room in an attempt to help the sides reach agreement. Mediation is usually less stressful than taking your case before a judge or court commissioner.

Legal Advice

Even though mediation is often less stressful, the issues address are the same high stakes matters that are routinely decided at trial. Successful mediation **depends on knowing your legal rights and being willing to compromise**. Eric M. Swinyard's role in representing individuals in mediation is to provide candid legal advice and enable them to make a fair decision based on their goals.

Successful Mediation

Eric is an experienced negotiator and has assisted many clients with productive mediation discussions. However, mediation is not always successful. In these instances, individuals **need an attorney who knows when to walk away and involve the court.**

For experienced legal representation, call Eric for a free 30-minute consultation at (801) 850-9740

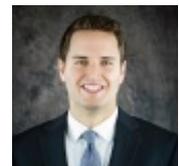
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