**Fee Agreement**

**Philosophy**

Here at Hall Mediation we believe that Divorce is stressful enough without worrying about what your divorce is going to cost. We offer an all-inclusive fee and we don’t charge extra for phone calls and emails.

**Fee for Divorce Without Minor Children: $1,230.00**

**What is Included**

**Private Meetings:** One with each spouse and the mediator. Learn what to expect in the mediation process, ask questions about your particular situation and get good information to prepare you for joint sessions.

**Joint Sessions:** Sessions are two hours long. We are working on the agreements you will need for your divorce filing –Settlement Agreement which will include spousal maintenance if appropriate. Up to 3 joint sessions are included in the fee, most clients complete the process in two sessions, but we throw in an extra session for good measure. Sessions in excess of three are billed at a reduced rate of $150.00 per hour; 98% of our couples complete their agreements in the time allotted.

**Written Mediated Agreements:** Completing your divorce without minor children requires a Settlement Agreement. You will have an opportunity to have this agreement reviewed by an attorney prior to signing, should you desire legal advice.

**All of your phone calls and emails:** We want you to call us for advice, support and good information. We are here to make this process as easy as possible. Don’t let fear or misunderstandings de-rail you. Call us.

**Payment Options**

Pay in Full: Fees are due in full prior to the first private session $1,230.00 less a $30.00 discount - $1,200.00.

Pay in Two Installments: The first installment of $615.00 is due prior to the first private session and the second installment of $615.00 is due prior to the second joint session.

Feeling Skeptical? $100 is due at each private session. An additional $515.00 is due prior to the first joint session and another $515.00 is due prior to the second joint session.

**Cancellation Policy**

24-hour advanced notice of cancellation/reschedule is required for all sessions. Less than 24-hour advance notice will result in a $150.00 additional charge. Hall Mediation Services values your time and makes every effort to begin and end your sessions on time. Please value our time by cancelling at least 24 hours in advance of your session. Mediation begins promptly at your scheduled appointment time. If you find that you will be late for your session please contact the office at 360-524-1762. Your mediator will wait up to 30 minutes for you to arrive. Lateness of more than 30 minutes without notification will be considered a no show.

**Refund Policy**

90% of our clients reach all the agreements they need to complete their divorce filing.

* Prior to the first joint session all but $200 is refundable.
* 50% of fees are refundable prior to the second joint session.
* No refunds or adjustments will be made after the second session.

**Additional Divorce Costs NOT Included:**

Your mediator is not an attorney and cannot file your agreements or represent you in court. We partner with lawyers and paralegals who offer our clients reduced rates for legal document preparation. Costs range from $300.00 to $400.00. In addition, the court will charge a $314.00 filing fee.

**Mediator Withdrawal**

The success of mediation is based upon a willingness of both parties to negotiate in good faith and the ability of both parties to act as their own advocates. The mediator may cancel or discontinue mediation at any time if the mediator determines that continuing will not be productive or that one party is unable to advocate on their own behalf. Additionally, if the mediator discovers that there is a conflict of interest which would affect her neutrality in your case, she will withdraw. At that time the balance of all unused fees will be refunded and referrals made to other service providers, per the above refund policy.

Mediation is a voluntary process. A mediator is a neutral facilitator who will guide you through difficult conversations. Mediators do not give legal advice or make decisions in your case. Whether you reach agreements will depend upon the decisions each of you make in the mediation process. As such, Hall Mediation Services makes no guarantees as to the outcome of your mediation and no refunds will be given based upon the content or outcome of your case.

I accept responsibility for payment of fees as indicated in this agreement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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