

## ***LEARN MORE/DIVORCE MEDIATION***

*When you are in litigation, you attend meetings with two different attorneys, so that means you are paying two attorneys to do what one mediator can do. They do the same things; their jobs aren't different. The only difference is: one works for you in Court and the other works for you out of Court. The attorneys make money when you don't agree. When you don't agree, your family loses money, not just you. So, if you think your spouse is going to be paying your legal fees, where do you think that money comes from? Marital money, your money.*

*Not to mention how it further destroys a relationship with your soon-to-be-former spouse that is already deteriorated to the point where you feel like enemies. A mediator is trained to help you reach an agreement in an amicable way through a win/win style of negotiation that benefits the entire family. When you hire an attorney, they are only representing your interests and not your spouses. That is not beneficial to the family, especially if you have children. Keep in mind that, in mediation, because you have one person representing both of you, both of your positions are considered. In litigation, you are in an adversarial and litigious position with your soon-to-be former spouse.*

*Sometimes litigation is necessary, but mediation can be a first line of defense. If you don't agree in Court, a judge can send you to mediation anyway, so why not start there? You can always hire an outside attorney as a consultant and run everything by him/her while you are in Mediation. It is recommended in Mediation that you have an attorney review your agreement anyway.*