



CONSENT TO MEDIATE

Separation and Divorce

We agree to try to discuss issues important to us through mediation and recognize that we need to operate by the same set of rules. We therefore agree:

- To provide each other with full and complete information in a timely manner to understand the choices we need to make.
- That we are free to and encouraged to seek the advice of a lawyer or any other professionals, such as financial advisors or therapists, that might assist us in understanding our options.
- DSC employees and volunteers will not provide legal advice of any kind or advocate on either of our behalf during mediation. We further agree that we will each advocate on our own behalf and acknowledge that it is our own responsibility to voice our concerns and interests.
- That mediation is voluntary and any party may withdraw from mediation at any time for any reason.
- That we agree not to subpoena or compel DSC employees and volunteers or any of their work products to be called into any subsequent court action involving issues related to our separation or divorce.
- We agree to hold DSC employees and volunteers completely harmless and without legal and financial responsibility to us and we will not involve them in any court proceedings.
- That we understand the fee structure and agree to pay all fees.
- That any information related to child abuse or neglect or abuse or neglect of disabled or elderly adults by law cannot be held confidential and will be reported.
- We understand that we will be asked to fill out post-mediation evaluation forms regardless of the results of mediation so that DSC can better understand and serve separation/divorce mediation clients.

Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____