

Dear Spouse,

I know this is not a fun time for either one of us right now, and I am very concerned we both handle ourselves the best way we can while we go through this. I am sure we are thinking along the same lines about not wanting to be taken advantage of and being fair, and getting it done as soon as we can.

I think it would be great if we could handle this whole thing outside of court, and use mediation. I have heard that it takes less time and money and it is easier on all of us including the kids. I also have heard that in the future, most divorces will be handled in mediation.

I have done some research on mediation and even talked to a mediation firm. I have learned that mediators are trained to know all of the Utah divorce laws and statutes but they don't represent either party. They work with both of us to help us customize our own agreement. The mediation firm I spoke with on the phone seemed very professional and experienced and their goal is to help us get a fair divorce agreement with out going to court. They have a very good website at www.nocourtrooms.com.

Will you please consider mediation? I know you may not trust me completely. I don't have an agenda, I am only thinking what would be best for us and I think mediation is the best fit.

If you would like to check into other mediators I respect that. The mediation firm I talked to is called Common Ground Divorce Specialists. They offer a free consultation but they require that we both attend.

I think it would be a good idea to schedule a consultation with someone you have looked into. Then we can decide which is a better fit for us.

I hope that you take this letter in the spirit that it was intended. I don't want you to feel like I am forcing mediation on you. Mediation is a voluntary process. I just think that we should give it a try and do what we can to keep this divorce out of court.

If you want I will set up an appointment for us to go visit the mediators and then we can both see if it is something that we want to try out. Please call me to discuss this as soon as possible.

Sincerely,