

Issues That Can Be Mediated In A Guardianship Case

Our Mediation can help to resolve many issues without a contested court hearing:

PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY OR GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP (INCLUDING PETITIONS FOR SUCCESSOR GUARDIANSHIP), PETITIONS FOR TERMINATION AND PETITIONS FOR VISITATION

If you have filed or been served with any of the above Petitions, our mediation can address on what terms and conditions the interested parties might wish to agree to in order to pursue either the granting or withdrawal of any of these Petitions.

THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

VISITATION

Parties can agree to specific dates and times or a process by which to establish dates and times for visitation, and any terms and conditions of visitation with minors who are in the custody of one of the parties, along with an ability to change agreements without a return to court.

INFORMATION SHARING

Parties can discuss and establish a process for sharing information regarding the education, activities and health of the minors who are the subject of the case.

Finally, the BBB Mediator can mediate any issues related to modification of existing Guardianship Judgments and Orders. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

How Does Mediation Work?

While you *need a Court Order* to finalize the resolution of issues in a Guardianship case, the BBB Mediator can assist you in resolving those issues and help you *avoid numerous court hearings*. The mediation process can *save you time and money*. Court hearings are time consuming and expensive. Mediation can resolve issues in your case with *less stress and damage to relationships*. The mediation process is different from a court hearing. **Mediation is Voluntary**. No one can force you to mediate or to agree to resolve any issues in your case. If you try mediation and it fails, you can still go to court and have a hearing. Unlike a court hearing which takes place in public, **Mediation is a Private, Confidential process**. The parties agree not to repeat anything said during mediation, and laws and rules prohibit anything said in mediation from being used in any court proceeding. Lastly, at the court hearing **the Judge** will make an order. In mediation, **You are in Control** of both the agreement and the resulting court order. Each case is different and we strive to help you write an agreement that is both as specific and as flexible as you need.

THE COURT AND BBB ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY THE MEDIATION PROCESS

OUR MEDIATORS DO NOT:

DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES: MEDIATION TAKES TIME. IN AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE COURTS.

PREPARE COURT DOCUMENTS OR GIVE LEGAL ADVICE: OUR MEDIATORS ARE NOT ATTORNEYS OR LICENSED DOCUMENT ASSISTANTS. IF YOU NEED SUCH ASSISTANCE YOU SHOULD SPEAK WITH THE SELF-HELP CENTER OR A PRIVATE PROVIDER.

MEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY BBB

Serving Central California
And Inland Empire Counties



FREE MEDIATION SERVICES

To Begin the Mediation Process in your Guardianship case, please fill out the Request Form on the back of this Information Sheet. Fill out the form completely and mail, email, fax or personally deliver it to: REQUESTS BY PHONE ARE NOT ACCEPTED

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PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE ATTEMPT TO WORK ON YOUR REQUEST FOR MEDIATION. THE PROBATE MEDIATOR IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY LAW COURTS ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, BUT WILL TRY TO SCHEDULE YOUR CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THOSE COURT HEARINGS.

IT CAN TAKE FROM 7-10 DAYS FOR THE PROBATE MEDIATOR TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT YOUR MEDIATION REQUEST, SINCE HE WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE OTHER PARTY OR PARTIES TO DETERMINE IF THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEDIATION PROCESS. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE OR EMAIL (IF AN EMAIL ADDRESS WAS GIVEN) WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME REGARDING THE STATUS OF YOUR REQUEST.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE

BBB MEDIATION SERVICE REQUEST (Please Give All Contact Information)	
Date of Request: _____	
Party Requesting Mediation: _____	
Case Number: _____	
PETITIONER(S)	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	
Email (optional): _____	
Attorney: _____	
OTHER PARTY(S)/OBJECTORS	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	
Email (optional): _____	
Attorney: _____	
TIMES/DATES AVAILABLE FOR MEDIATION SESSION:	

CASE INFORMATION

The following is needed to plan and successfully complete a mediation session. Please provide as much information as is available to you at this time:

Minor Children Subject to the Guardianship

Name	Date of Birth	Living With?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Minor's Counsel Appointed (Yes/No) Who?		

PRESENT ORDERS INCLUDING WHEN MADE: Use Additional Sheets If Necessary		

ISSUES YOU FEEL NEED TO BE RESOLVED Use Additional Sheets If Necessary		

