

# MICHAEL GREEN MEDIATION



**Mediation**

**Life Skills**

**Parenting**

**Strategies**

**Support**

**Programs**

*We will give you the strategies that will enable you to manage the aftermath of your separation and divorce without undue stress and expense.*

*We will provide the mediation service that will best assist you to solve disputes that arise after separation.*

*We will be available for ongoing support, follow-up and advice.*

*We will keep you in control of what is going on.*

*We will treat you with respect and care, appreciating the difficulties of your situation.*

*We will always be focused on what is best for you and your children.*

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## **Now There is a Better Way to Deal with Divorce and Separation**

**S**eparation and divorce bring special difficulties for men, women and children. It's a tough time. Part of the problem has been that for too long divorce has been looked on as a *legal problem*, to be sorted out in a *legal* environment. This has meant that the common way to handle separation is for men and women to run off to lawyers and the courts. **This often results in bitterness, trauma and enormous expense.**

**Michael Green Mediation can help you:**

- Save time and a lot of money
- Agree to sensible arrangements for your children
- Avoid lengthy and costly litigation
- Avoid bitter, costly and ongoing conflict
- Look to what is the best for your children
- Have happier, better adjusted children
- Sort out your problems far more quickly
- Make your divorce work for both of you
- Use mediation rather than litigation
- Become a successful parent
- Build a new life
- Be happy again



**MICHAEL GREEN MEDIATION** works according to a very simple philosophy: Separation and divorce is a *human event*, not a *legal event*. It changes the family structure and relationships forever. It's a difficult time for men, women and children and most need help to sort out the arrangements that will enable all family members to live happily. Because we are dealing here with human relations, you will do best if you do not reach immediately for lawyers and the courts, but instead seek out those who are trained to deal with human emotions, sensitivities, **and the practical day-to-day decisions that have to be made after separation.**

## MICHAEL GREEN MEDIATION

**M**ichael Green Mediation provides a range of Family Services such as Mediation, Life Coaching and Financial Strategy Development. We also offer assistance to clients of the Child Support Agency.

Our Mediation Services are second to none. We can mediate solutions in Family Matters effectively, quickly and at a reasonable cost to our clients.

We have a highly professional team of consultants on our staff who are well qualified and have many years of experience in this field. They have been trained by leading Mediation/ADR training organisations.

If you need help in getting through separation and divorce or you need to Mediate a parenting plan or property settlement, then we can help you.

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**A**ll the experts and studies on life after separation agree that mothers, fathers and children can survive divorce providing that they make some sensible decisions and avoid conflict, especially involving the children. Ongoing conflict – in or out of court – has dreadful effects on children. Even if parents do not like one another, there are ways to settle disputes, sort out living and child support arrangements, and agree on a parenting plan that will enable father, mother and children to live in peace.

We know that children survive and thrive after divorce if they are not uprooted from their community, if they can maintain good relationships with both parents and with others who are important to them. It is critical that parents learn not to confuse their own needs with those of their children. Consider your children's future too.

Michael and his team have all experienced separation and divorce and we know what it's like.

Why go to Court (and spend a large part of your family assets!) when you can participate in **mediation** and **save money, time and peace of mind**? Family Law legal battles can cost around \$200,000 in Australia (Parliamentary Inquiry into Shared Parenting 2003) Parents often spend \$10000—\$15000 before even getting to the court.

**Mediation is a non-legal, informal conference** in which a trained mediator assists the parties to talk about their issues and problems, and encourages them to develop options and to reach an agreement that will work for them. It can work for you. **You can avoid the bitter war of the Family Court and continue to parent your children together in a healthy working relationship.**

**The beauty of mediation is that the solution to disputes remains with the separated couple.** You are the experts and know your situation better than anyone else. In mediation the final decision remains with you and is not handed over to a judge, magistrate or lawyer. The whole process is completely voluntary. We believe that Mediation will become the standard way to settle separation & divorce issues in the near future.

If you need to consult a lawyer, we can refer you to a solicitor who will provide sensible and realistic advice. Whether it's children or property, disputes can be sorted out in a reasonable manner without wasting time and a lot of money. **Let us show you how.**

We have a good relationship with the Child Support Agency and have experienced staff who can assist you in dealing with the CSA and can even represent you if required.

**An agreement may be reached in as little as one mediation session. It costs less than a day in Court and it is far better for your children!**