

Information Regarding Talking With An Attorney Before Starting Mediation

- You may want legal advice before deciding to proceed with a divorce or, if you have decided to divorce, to obtain legal information before starting mediation
- You should use an attorney that is friendly to the mediation process
- When calling an attorney to arrange an appointment, you may want to say something like:
 - I am thinking about getting divorced/I have decided to get divorced. I would like you to advise me as to my rights and obligations
 - I am also thinking about mediating my divorce. If I decide to do that, I would want you to advise me during the mediation process
 - Please tell me what your charges would be to advise me now and during mediation
- Your attorney may want at the following information:
 - Spouses' birth dates
 - Date of marriage
 - Date of separation
 - Children, if any; birth dates; health
 - General idea of salary of each spouse
 - How long each spouse has been working
 - General idea of assets of spouses