

This is a SAMPLE copy of our Partnership/Marital Separation Mediation Consent to Mediate form. This form is the only signed document in separation mediation and is signed by the mediation participants and the mediators, at the beginning of the first mediation session.

Consent to Mediate
Partnership/Marital Separation Dissolution

We agree to try to reach agreement with each other through mediation and recognize that we need to operate by and abide by the same set of rules. We therefore agree:

- To provide each other with full and complete information in a timely manner, in order that we can fully understand the choices we need to make.
- That we are free, 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.
- That the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center (DSC) and mediators give no opinion regarding the legal effect of the Consent to Mediate or any resolution that is reached. We understand that DSC (including the mediators, employees, and volunteers) does not provide legal advice of any kind.
- That either one or both of us may withdraw from mediation at any time for any reason.
- To consider all interim joint decisions as possibilities and not final until they become part of a Memorandum that is reviewed by separate attorneys and converted into a court order.
- That we waive the rights to subpoena and compel DSC mediators, or any work products, to be called into any subsequent court action involving this case.
- That in consideration for the mediation sessions or sessions flowing from the attempt to resolve these disputes, we agree to hold the DSC, its employees and mediators, completely harmless and without legal and financial responsibility to us and we will not involve them in any court proceedings.
- That any information related to child abuse and neglect, or neglect of disabled adults by law cannot be held confidential and will be reported.
- That we will be asked to fill out post mediation evaluation forms regardless of the results of mediation. We understand that the DSC may or may not call us to verify our addresses in order to send out evaluations. Evaluations will be kept confidential. The DSC is collecting this information to better understand and serve separation/divorce mediation clients.

Date: _____

Participants: _____

Mediators: _____
