

## Mediation Information Assessment Meetings (MIAM)



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The Mediation Information Assessment Meeting (MIAM) is your opportunity to have a private and fully confidential meeting with a professional mediator. During this meeting you will learn how to save significant time and money during your divorce process as well as how to ensure that you are able to retain full control over all the important decisions affecting your family's finances and your children going forward.

New Landscape Mediation's high success rate can be credited to the fact that we always ensure we devote thought and planning into how best to proceed for each individual family in the early stages, *before* leaping into joint meetings or asking people to try and sit down and discuss/resolve the specific matters that are pertinent to their situation.

There are three important reasons why we meet individually with clients in this way before commencing any joint mediation meetings.

Specifically, coming in to meet for a pre-mediation MIAM will:

- 1) Allow you both the opportunity to meet personally with your mediator and ensure that you are not only comfortable with them, but with the environment etc. as well.
- 2) Allow you the space to tell us a bit more about the current situation in a fully confidential conversation.
- 3) Allow your mediator the opportunity to explain the various options available to help you reach a mutually acceptable solution to the current situation. For example, there are different things required in mediation for families who only need to create a fair and sensible separation of their finances as opposed to those who also need to develop a workable and practical parenting plan.

Following a pre-mediation MIAM with you both, your mediator will then better understand your current situation in its entirety as well as any individual concerns that have been raised by either of you. This, in turn will enable us to develop the most effective methods and procedures to use in your situation to best achieve *your* goals.

It is worth noting that as Family Mediation Council Accredited (FMCA) mediators, we are authorised to sign the required documents to prove to a Court or other authority that you have attended an initial meeting should it later become necessary for you to demonstrate this. Please be mindful that only a small percentage of mediators are authorised to do this on your behalf and should you contact another provider, it is worth checking that they hold FMCA status. If not, you may well find that you are suddenly required to attend a further meeting with an FMCA mediator to have your documentation signed.