



# Oak Tree Mediation

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## During Divorce: Things to Consider

When facing divorce, emotions run high and it is not always easy or even possible to keep a clear head. By referring to the following checklist, you can help ensure that you and your attorney cover all of the bases, address all of your concerns, and answer all of your questions.

- **Issues Relating to Children**

- Child support
- Child custody, legal
- Child custody, physical
- Visitation with non-custodial parent
- Grandparent visitation
- Visitation with stepchildren
- Health insurance for children
- Dental insurance for children
- Uninsured health care costs
- College education
- Residence in the marital homestead
- Beneficiaries of life insurance policies
- Claiming children as dependents for income tax purposes
- Religious upbringing of children

- **Property Issues**

- Equity in homestead
- Other real property
- Home furnishings
- Business assets
- Professional practices
- Professional degrees
- Retirement benefits (pensions, IRAs, 401(k) plans)
- Motor vehicles
- Recreational vehicles
- Personal property
- Savings accounts
- Stocks, bonds, and funds

- \_\_\_ Compensation for contributions as homemaker
- \_\_\_ Hidden assets
- \_\_\_ Debts

- **Spousal Support Issues**

- \_\_\_ Entitlement to support
- \_\_\_ How much?
- \_\_\_ How long?
- \_\_\_ Continued health care coverage through COBRA

- **Other Issues**

- \_\_\_ Domestic violence
- \_\_\_ Order for protection
- \_\_\_ Child abuse
- \_\_\_ Parental kidnapping
- \_\_\_ Restoration of maiden name
- \_\_\_ Post-divorce nonfinancial support
- \_\_\_ Attorney's fees and expenses



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