

7 BENEFITS

TO USING A MEDIATOR IN
PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUITS



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Thank you for downloading my eBook. I hope that you will choose me to work with you to resolve your case through Mediation.

Mediation is a voluntary, consensual process that is very successful in resolving parties' disputes without the necessity or proceeding to trial. I have been a trial lawyer for more than thirty-five years and a Mediator for the last fifteen years. Over 90 % of the cases that I have mediated have settled. It is a much more satisfactory way for parties to resolve their differences than going through the time, expense and stress of a trial.

I promise to use my best efforts at bringing your case – be it an automobile case, a products liability case or some other incident involving personal injuries – to a successful resolution. I look forward to working with all parties to resolve the case.



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Suffering injuries through no fault of your own is a very frightening experience. In addition to the healing you need to do in the here and now, you are also concerned about the future. Will my life change as a result of the injuries? Can I afford the care I need now and down the road? How will my injuries affect my career and my personal relationships? These are all questions that suddenly arise and bring stress into the life of a victim following an injury.

Luckily, it is possible to protect your rights and receive the financial compensation you deserve after you are injured in an accident. For many, doing so does not even require entering a courtroom. Mediation can be one of the most effective ways to resolve the issues related to your case and ensure you receive fair compensation for your injuries. What are the benefits to using mediation in a personal injury lawsuit?

1 YOU CONTROL YOUR DESTINY

Mediation ensures you stay in control of the outcome of your case. When a personal injury case is tried in a courtroom, you give up this control. In mediation, you hold the reins. It's not a judge, nor a jury, but you – with the advice of your attorney – who makes the decision to settle or not settle your case.

2 MEDIATION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING CLOSURE

Mediation makes it possible to truly resolve a very important issue in your life. This closure is an essential part of feeling at peace for many victims. The lawsuit consumes much of your time, effort, and energy. Face it, what you are putting into your lawsuit could be better spent elsewhere, especially when you are in the process of healing from injuries. Mediation allows you to reach a fair settlement, receive the compensation you deserve, and truly move forward with your life.

3 YOU AVOID THE TIME, EXPENSE AND STRESS OF A TRIAL

As much as you might want to battle for what you deserve, in many cases, the cost of a trial is not worth it. Not only is going to court more expensive financially than mediation, it also takes more time and causes more stress. Mediation allows you to avoid all of this and settle your dispute in a timely and cost-effective manner.

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4 IT PROVIDES CERTAINTY – YOU KNOW THE END IS AT HAND

One of the most stressful aspects of litigating a personal injury case is not knowing what the future holds. In addition to being unsure of what the judge or jury will decide, you also have no idea how long the process could take. Most court systems are backlogged and even those that are not often require a long wait to schedule your day in court. Mediation puts you in control of the time and place of the mediation and allows you to see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

5 THERE IS NO APPEAL

A successful mediation brings litigation to an end. Once things are settled, they are truly settled. When an issue is taken to court, both parties have the option of appealing the outcome, which extends the process even longer. In mediation, once you reach an agreement, you move forward. This is especially helpful when you are waiting on your settlement to pay for medical bills or deal with a loss of wages caused by your injuries. You reach a settlement and the compensation is in your hands much faster than if there were ongoing appeals to settle your case.

6 IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

Mediation is a completely private process. In many court cases, the public is welcome to watch the trial and the outcome is public knowledge. The details of the discussions held in court also become a matter of public record. This is not the case with mediation. In mediation, there is no publicity, no press coverage, and nobody knows your business. This is appealing not only to those who prefer to keep their personal business private, but also those who are concerned about sensitive issues related to their business becoming a matter of public record.

7 IT IS MUCH LESS EXPENSIVE THAN PROCEEDING TO TRIAL

Finally, one of the main reasons people from all walks of life prefer mediation – it's cheaper. There is no need to pay experts to travel and testify in court, no need for expensive video or photographic evidence, and no sheriff's fees. You simply choose a mediator and a time and place for your mediation and settle the issue. For many, the only cost associated with mediation is the mediator's fee. Even if you decide to have personal representation from an attorney, you

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will pay him or her much less than you would if a case were being built for the courtroom. With less out of pocket expense, you have additional room for flexibility in your settlement.

*Are you trying to settle a contentious issue and wish there were another option besides litigation? There is! Mediation allows you to come to terms and reach an agreement, even in the most contentious disputes. **Richard Corbett** can help.*

*For more than thirty years Mr. Corbett has been engaged in trial practice, representing insurers and the insured, as well as injured plaintiffs. His trial experience includes trials in virtually all types of tort matters, including automobile, general liability, products liability, and medical malpractice cases. Mr. Corbett concentrates on providing Alternate Dispute Resolution services as a neutral mediator and arbitrator. If you would like to know more about mediation or you are ready to schedule a consultation, contact **Richard Corbett** at 617.299.8851 or by email at rcorbett@williams-lawyers.com.*

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