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## COMMON SENSE DIVORCE

### Mediation of Divorce issues - A Process we call "Common Sense Divorce"

Did you know that you can both meet with an experienced family lawyer and mediator before you engage your own lawyers thus limiting the possibility of unnecessary litigation? Probably not, because this service is not offered by other family lawyers or mediators.

It makes sense doesn't it. You may both have similar thoughts about how your divorce should proceed and the outcomes both with respect to children and property issues or you may be poles apart.

Our mediator can tell you (because he is an experienced and accredited family law specialist):

1. What the Family Law Act says about how arrangements for children should be resolved.
2. What the Family Law Act says about the factors which a court must address in determining how property should be divided between husbands and wives and defacto couples.
3. What is the formula under the Child Support legislation and how will it apply to your particular circumstances.

You could get this information from your own lawyers but the difference with our mediation approach is that we not only provide you with this information but we then assist you to reach a final agreement.

This is what we can do for you through our **Common Sense Divorce** mediation services.

#### Your action Plan:

1. Contact FLMS and make an appointment. We are flexible in our approach to initial appointments and can speak with you by telephone, on line video conferencing and of course in person at our offices at Springwood and Helensvale. The cost is only \$110.
2. Get the information you need from an impartial family law mediator.
3. You decide how to move forward to resolve your family law issues.

This may be by:

- Continuation of mediation with our mediator and family dispute resolution practitioner;
- Entry into a Collaborative Law process where the mediator will advance matters by acting as the collaborative lawyer for one of you and will put your partner in contact with an experienced collaborative family lawyer.
- Referral to other experienced family lawyers for other processes such as "round table negotiation" or if necessary litigation if mediation or collaborative law are not suitable because of your particular circumstances.

Even if you both retain other lawyers our mediator can remain in the process, acting as an impartial guide ensuring that you have the best possible outcomes without proceeding to litigation. Of course you would both need to agree to keep the mediator involved.



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