

FEE POLICY

The fee for services is as follows:

1. Initial Consultation: \$200.00 per person (or \$400.00 per couple).
2. Administrative Fee (non-refundable) payable at the first mediation session: \$200.00 per person (or \$400.00 per couple).
3. Mediation Fee: \$200.00 per person, per hour (or \$400.00 per couple per hour) for every hour of service, after the initial consultation. Services are charged to a credit card provided at the beginning of services; each session will be charged to the card at the end of each session.

Hours of service include the mediator's time, both in and outside of session. If a separation agreement is to be drawn up, then the participants are required to advance \$1,200.00 (or \$600.00 per person), before that work is begun. This covers the initial draft of a basic separation agreement. All follow up meetings to review the agreement and make revisions will be billed at the hourly rate.

In the event the matter presents complex or unusual issues, the Mediator reserves the right to charge for any additional work or fees as necessary, and her decision is final and binding. No services will be provided unless the couple's account is current.

The Agreement must be properly notarized. That service is provided without charge by our office, along with copies of the Agreement. The County Clerk currently charges a \$5.00 filing fee payable directly to them, which will be paid by MH Mediation if a divorce does not occur shortly after the signing of the Agreement.

If it is necessary to cancel an appointment, please contact your mediator at the number she/he has given you, at least two business days in advance. Cancellations less than 24 hours will result in a \$150.00 charge.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SERVICE: Once a Separation Agreement is signed, if the participants agree to proceed with an uncontested divorce, Lazar Schwartz & Jones LLP can prepare the uncontested divorce paperwork, as a third-party neutral professional, on behalf of one of the participants, upon written and informed consent of both participants. There is a flat fee for this service of \$1,500.00 plus the filing fees (which will be charged to your designated credit card) of between \$350-\$400.00, for couples that have completed their mediation through MH Mediation. This fee does not include the cost of obtaining court orders to divide up retirement assets.

Effective: 3/1/2024