



## **Mediating Parenting Agreements**

**(Formerly referred to as “Parenting Intensive”)**

### **Course Overview and Supplemental Learning Materials**

#### Course Content:

- 5 Exercises/Assignments:
  - Exercise #1 – Reflection

What are your closely held values and beliefs with respect to families, parenting, and children?

Do you recognize any bias within yourself with respect to gender, roles, and age, with respect to the dynamics of a family system?

What do you already know about the law related to children and parenting?

What are some common assumptions the general public has with respect to the law related to children and parenting?
  - Exercise #2 – Resources to Share

Co-parenting websites, app’s, shared calendars (for parenting time)

Sample parenting agreements (for decision-making and parenting time)

Advice regarding COVID19 parenting issues
  - Exercise #3 – How will you proceed if... [Scenario assessment]

Hector arrives before Rose? Rose arrives before Hector? They arrive at the same time? If this is a first joint meeting or an intake meeting? If the meeting has been called for an urgent issue? what are your concerns?

Did you adjust your process? How? What are your next steps after the meeting?
  - Exercise #4 – In preparation for Meeting #2...[Scenario assessment]

in light of your conversation with Hector, and in knowing that Rose would like to talk about the parenting arrangement, what are your thoughts/hunches

on:

- System?
- Legal framework and issues?
- Underlying Interests?
- Tools to help come up with options?
- Strategies to help evaluate?
- Communications for independent legal advice?
- Exercise #5 – Choose three challenging issues from this list:
  - Change in residence or relocation
  - Other important people and new relationships
  - Allegations of abuse
  - Lifestyle differences
  - Differences in values and beliefs
  - Parental Alienation

Search each issue in the “document text” search bar in

CanLii: <https://www.canlii.org/en/sk/>

Read the first three cases identified for each issue. Note whether the case was appealed and if so, read the decision of the higher court.

- Welcome Video & 11 Video Lectures with accompanying slide decks
- Reading & Video Materials
- Live Session attendance of a minimum of 8 hours

#### Reading Materials:

- The Divorce Act
- The Changes to the Divorce Act Explained
- The Children’s Law Act, 1997
- The Children’s Law Act Regulations, 1998
- MASIC Screening Tool

- Domestic Violence, DOVE, and Divorce Mediation
- ODARA Fact Sheet
- The Child and Family Services Act
- The Dispute Resolution Fees Regulations
- Article on Game Theory
- The Children’s Law Act, 2020
- The Children’s Law Act Regulations, 2021
- Little Eyes, Little Ears
- Because Life Goes On
- Child Abuse is Wrong
- Case Study – FLD 379 of 2018

Video Materials:

- [Voice of the Child of Divorce](#)
- [Successful Co-Parenting: A Child’s View](#)
- [Starfish Story](#)