PEACEFUL RESOLUTION

Arizona Divorce Mediation

When you're considering divorce, understanding Arizona's laws can bring peace of mind. Mediation gives you a way to move forward that is fully supported by state law, empowering you to make fair, lasting decisions without court battles.

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How Arizona Law Supports Divorce Mediation

Arizona law encourages families to resolve divorce matters peacefully. Under **Arizona Revised Statutes § 25-381**, the state recognizes mediation as a voluntary, confidential process that allows spouses to reach their own settlement outside the courtroom.

Mediation agreements that meet Arizona's requirements can be submitted to the court and entered as legally binding divorce decrees. Communications during mediation are protected under **Rule 67.3 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure**, meaning your discussions remain confidential.

Mediation is entirely optional, yet it is the path most Arizona spouses prefer. It saves time, money, and emotional strain while still producing court-approved results that you're satisfied with too.

Why Arizona Courts Encourage Mediation

Arizona judges often recommend or order mediation before a custody trial under **Rule 68 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure**. State policy promotes mediation to:

- **Reduce Congestion** — Reduces court congestion and lowers costs to taxpayers by keeping cases out of the system.
- **Support Cooperation** — Supports cooperation between parents specifically for the benefit and well-being of children.
- **Honor Agreements** — Fosters agreements that families are more likely to honor because they created them together.
- **Decrease Conflict** — Decreases post-divorce conflict and minimizes the need for repeated court motions.

The Arizona Mediation Process

At The Aurit Center, every mediation follows Arizona's family-law framework from start to finish:

1. **Filing or Petitioning**
   Whether you haven't filed yet (we handle all documentation for you both from beginning to end) or are deep into the court process, spouses can agree to start mediation at any time.
2. **Choosing a Mediator**
   You'll work with an experienced neutral mediator, who is a licensed Arizona attorney. Your mediator ensures fairness and facilitates your discussions to your best possible agreements.
3. **Private Mediation Meetings**
   Meetings are confidential. Everything shared stays between you, your spouse, and your mediator. This allows for open and honest negotiation.
4. **Creating an Agreement**
   Guided by your mediator, you and your spouse discuss and negotiate terms of property division, parenting plans, and financial support.
5. **Filing with the Court**
   When both of you review and sign, your agreement is filed with the Superior Court and typically accepted as your final divorce decree.

Making a Mediated Agreement Legally Binding

Once your mediation concludes, your signed agreement is filed with the Superior Court under **ARS § 25-317**. Judges generally approve mediated settlements as they are clear, fair, and complete.

At The Aurit Center, we prepare all necessary documents so that your agreement is ready for submission and enforcement under Arizona law.

Legal Benefits of Mediation vs. Litigation

Arizona family courts strongly favor mediation for its positive outcomes. Here's how it compares:

Legal Factor	Mediation	Litigation
Privacy	Confidential; not public record	Filed and argued publicly in court
Control	You decide the terms	Judge decides outcomes
Timeline	Usually 2–4 months	Often 12 months or more
Cost	Flat-fee pricing	High retainers & hourly fees
Compliance	Spouses likely to follow own terms	Lower likelihood of following orders

Is Mediation Right For You?

✓ Excellent Path When:

- Both spouses willing to negotiate in good faith
- Financial & parenting issues can be collaborative
- Privacy, speed, and cost savings are important

✗ Not Ideal When:

- Ongoing, severe domestic violence or coercion
- One spouse is refusing to participate
- Complex jurisdictional issues exist

Mediation Costs

At The Aurit Center, we believe in transparent, flat-fee pricing that avoids the extremely high and unpredictable costs of litigation.

Traditional Divorce
$25,000
per person

Total Cost	$50,000
Attorney Fees & Retainers	$29,250
Court & Filing Fees	$5,400
Discovery & Depositions	$8,100
Email & Phone Support	$/minute

Divorce Mediation
$2,900
per person

Total Cost	$5,800
Mediation Services	$5,200
Court & Filing Fees	$500
Support Resources	Included
Email & Phone Support	Unlimited

You Save $39,000
Compared to traditional divorce with an attorney

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How Aurit Supports Your Divorce

At The Aurit Center, mediation is not one-size-fits-all. Arizona divorce law touches many areas of family life, and our mediators help you resolve every aspect of your divorce in a structured, legally compliant way. We provide comprehensive mediation services for all core divorce matters, including:

- **Child Custody** — Work collaboratively to create custody arrangements that align with Arizona's best-interest standards under ARS § 25-403 while minimizing conflict.
- **Parenting Plan Mediation** — Develop detailed, court-ready parenting plans that address schedules, decision-making, and future flexibility.
- **Child Support Mediation** — Resolve child support issues using Arizona's Child Support Guidelines while maintaining transparency and fairness for both parents.
- **Spousal Maintenance (Alimony) Mediation** — Negotiate fair spousal maintenance terms consistent with ARS § 25-319, without the expense or stress of litigation.
- **Property Division Mediation** — Divide assets and debts in accordance with Arizona's community property law under ARS § 25-318, including homes, businesses, and retirement accounts.
- **Post-Decree Mediation** — Modify or enforce existing court orders related to parenting time, support, or financial matters when circumstances change.
- **Virtual Divorce Mediation** — Participate fully in the mediation process from anywhere in Arizona through secure, confidential virtual sessions.

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Unique Divorce Situations We Handle

Some divorces involve additional legal or personal complexities. Our mediators have extensive experience navigating specialized situations while ensuring compliance with Arizona law.

- **Gray Divorce Mediation** — Address retirement assets, pensions, long-term marriages, and later-life financial planning for Arizona's growing population over age 50.
- **Same-Sex Divorce Mediation** — Protect equal rights and resolve parenting or property matters unique to same-sex couples with sensitivity and legal precision.
- **High-Asset Divorce Mediation** — Manage complex financial portfolios, business interests, and real estate while preserving privacy and control.
- **Relocation and Parenting Disputes** — Resolve move-away requests and parenting-time modifications without court intervention whenever possible.

By connecting your **specific situation** with the **exact mediation service you need**, we help you reach durable agreements that Arizona courts are likely to approve - and that your family can live with long term.

Meet Our Founders

Michael Aurit, JD, MDR, and Karen Aurit, MA

Founded The Aurit Center to transform the divorce experience in Arizona. Together, they have guided thousands of families toward peaceful, legally compliant resolutions.

Each mediator on our team is trained in Arizona family law and court procedures, ensuring every agreement aligns with state requirements and ethical standards.

Meet the full team

What Our Clients Say

Real stories from couples who chose mediation over litigation

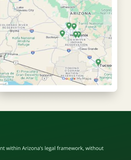
> **"They made a not-so-easy process seem almost effortless"**
> Not only is it their knowledge of the process, but the way they made me feel during the whole thing.
> ★★★★★ — Brittany R.

> **"Highly recommend..."**
> I would highly recommend The Aurit Center to family and/or friends in need of their services. Michael and Karen are knowledgeable and handled our case with compassion and understanding. During such a difficult life event, Michael and Karen will truly make this experience bearable. They are ready to work with you and your spouse/partner and have a courteous attitude. Thanks to all of you for guiding me through the divorce mediation process.
> ★★★★★ — Diane B.

> **"Truly five-star service all the way!"**
> The patience and kindness that was given to me throughout the process made me feel at ease. I felt like family.
> ★★★★★ — Patricia F.

Serving Clients Across Arizona

We provide direct support to spouses looking for divorce mediation in Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe, Flagstaff, Tucson, and everywhere between. Find an Aurit Mediation location near you or virtually connect with our expert mediators to discuss next steps in your divorce.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