PEACEFUL RESOLUTION

Spousal Support (Alimony) Mediation in Arizona

Spousal support, often called alimony or spousal maintenance, is financial support one spouse may pay the other after divorce or legal separation in Arizona. It helps a lower-earning spouse meet reasonable needs while building financial independence.

Through spousal support mediation in Arizona, our neutral mediators help you set clear, workable terms for amount and duration that respect both of you and align with current Arizona guidance.

Schedule Free Consultation

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Why Choose Spousal Support Mediation?

When you need to set clear financial support after divorce, mediation offers a respectful and efficient path outside of court. You both participate in shaping terms that fit real life, rather than leaving decisions to a judge.

Key Benefits of Spousal Support 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:

Time Efficiency
Faster resolution than litigation

Conflict Mitigation
Lower stress with balanced, neutral guidance

Total Privacy
Privacy and confidentiality in every session

Client Autonomy
Control over outcomes you both agree to

Financial Certainty
Flat fee pricing without hourly surprises

What Our Spousal Support Mediation Services Cover

Our child custody mediation services address a wide range of parenting issues, including:

- Eligibility review and Arizona factors such as marriage length, income, health, and needs
- Amount and duration informed by Arizona guidelines and the calculator
- Payment structure options, including monthly payments, a lump sum, or step down schedules
- Modifiable or non-modifiable terms, review dates, and agreed termination triggers
- Security options, such as life insurance to secure payments
- Coordination with related issues like child support and property division

How Spousal Support Works in Arizona

Consider the following steps before your sessions:

Arizona uses an eligibility threshold and a list of factors to decide whether and how spousal support is appropriate. Factors typically include marriage length, the standard of living during the marriage, each spouse's income and earning ability, health, and the ability to pay while meeting reasonable needs.

Arizona also provides spousal maintenance guidelines and a calculator to understand reasonable ranges for amount and duration. In alimony mediation, we use the Arizona Spousal Maintenance Guidelines and the official Arizona Spousal Maintenance Calculator to understand reasonable ranges for amount and duration. These are the same tools Arizona courts use. Your final agreement can be tailored to your needs and, when appropriate, may differ from the range if both spouses agree and the result is not unjust.

Note on the "Rule of 65" in Arizona: Certain guideline considerations (often referred to as the Rule of 65) may affect eligibility or duration in longer marriages. We'll discuss how, if relevant to your situation.

Important: Spousal support is separate from child support. Both can be addressed in mediation, but they follow different rules and calculations.

What We Decide Together

- **Amount and duration** that reflect Arizona guidance and your budget
- **Payment structure** options such as monthly payments, a lump sum, or step down schedules tied to milestones
- **Terms and protections** such as start date, payment method, when support ends, modifiability, review dates, and life insurance to secure payments
- **Tax note:** For most post 2018 agreements, payments are not deductible to the payer and not taxable to the recipient. A tax professional can confirm your specifics

Our Mediation Process

1. **Free Consultation**
   Meet your mediator, ask questions, and confirm if mediation fits your case. We review your situation, timeline, and what to expect for spousal support mediation.
2. **Initial Mediation Meeting**
   Set goals, review intake details, and confirm what mediation covers. We map the issues for support, property, and parenting if applicable.
3. **Financial and Parenting Discussion**
   Focus on budgets, income, needs, and ability to pay. We use Arizona spousal maintenance guidelines and the calculator as a reference to shape amount and duration. If you have children, we coordinate any parenting topics without being focus of support.
4. **Draft Your Agreement**
   We prepare a clear settlement agreement that includes the amount and duration, payment structure, review dates, agreed modifiability, modifiability, review dates, termination triggers, and any security such as life insurance.
5. **Finalize and File**
   You review the final documents and may obtain independent legal review if you wish. We file with the court. Most couples finalize without a court appearance.

Who This Service Helps:
- A spouse who paused a career or needs time to re-enter the workforce
- Long marriages or situations where retirement is part of the discussion
- Health or caregiving needs that affect the ability to work
- Couples who want a predictable, respectful outcome without litigation

What To Prepare:
Bring recent pay stubs or income statements, the last two years of tax returns, a simple monthly budget, health insurance costs, and any retraining or education plans. If you are unsure, we will provide a short checklist.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is spousal support and who qualifies in Arizona?
Spousal support (also called spousal maintenance or alimony) is a financial support one spouse may pay the other after divorce or legal separation. Eligibility depends on a threshold and factors like marriage length, standard of living, income and earning ability, health, and the ability to meet reasonable needs.

Q: How is the amount and duration decided in mediation?
We start with Arizona guidelines and the alimony calculator in Arizona to see a reasonable range, then consider budgets, goals, and special circumstances. You decide on practical terms that are clearly documented.

Q: Will we need to go to court, and will you file for us?
In most cases you will not need to appear in court. We draft your agreement, prepare the full set of documents, and file them for you.

Q: Is spousal support taxable or deductible?
For most agreements signed after 2018, payments are not deductible to the payer and not taxable to the recipient. Older agreements may follow prior rules. A tax professional can confirm your specifics.

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 serve your children's best interests 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.

Property Division Mediation
Divide assets and debts in accordance with Arizona's community property laws, addressing all assets, 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.

Ready to discuss?
Schedule consultation →

Meet Our Founders

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

At The Aurit Center, we understand that spousal maintenance (alimony) is often the most financially complex aspect of divorce. Arizona law considers factors like the length of the marriage and income disparity, but the final decision should be yours, not a judge's.

Our mediators guide you through these sensitive financial conversations to reach an agreement that ensures a "secure future" for both spouses.

Meet the full team

What Our Clients Say

Real stories from couples who chose mediation over litigation

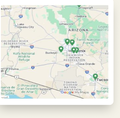
"They made a not-so-easy process seem almost effortless"
Not only is it fast (considering all the process, the 20-0% day. They made me feel during the process thing.
★★★★★ — Brittney R.

"...highly recommend..."
I would highly recommend The Aurit Center to anyone who is considering divorce mediation services. Michael is a very confidential, and fair-handed but I was with Compassion and understanding. During such a difficult life event, Michael and Karen help me made my decisions and navigate the process. Michael is with and always demonstrates efficiency and courteous attitude. Thanks to all of you for helping me through this divorce mediation process.
★★★★★ — Dylan D.

"Truly fine-tuned service all the way."
The patience and kindness that was given to me in helping me make my case made me feel at ease. I felt like family.
★★★★★ — Patrick F.

Serving Clients Across Arizona

We provide direct support to spouses navigating spousal maintenance in Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe, Flagstaff, Tucson, and everywhere between. Secure your financial future privately through our convenient online mediation services, or visit an Aurit Mediation location near you to resolve your support matters with dignity.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