# MEDIATION CHANGING THE MINDSET

#### **DEFINITION**

- An alternative dispute resolution procedure, aiming to assist the parties, to reach in a mutual agreement of their dispute, in a way that satisfies both parties.
- A way of resolving disputes between two or more parties with concrete effects.
- The intervention in a negotiation (within the framework of a conflict), of a commonly acceptable third party, which has limited or no decision-making power, but has the role to assist the parties, to lead them to the attainment of a voluntarily reach of a mutually acceptable agreement on matters concerning their dispute Christopher W. Moore, The Mediation Process, Jossey-Bass 1996

## MEDIATOR – MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- Impartial
- Neutral
- Good listener
- Reticent
- Trustworthy
- Positive attitude
- Willing to help

#### **BROAD USAGE OF MEDIATION**

- Civil
- Commercial
- Family
- Labour
- Construction
- IN EVERY FIELD OF OUR ACTIVITY (family, relatives, friends, known's, business associates)

#### BENEFITS OF MEDIATION

- Cost Effective,
- Small Duration (one to three days),
- Improving personal relations,
- Minimum to none Risk Factor,
- Parties are guiding the procedure and NOT anyone else.

#### **FAMILY LITIGATION**

- DIVORCE
- ALIMONY
- CUSTODY CHILD KEEPING
- COMMUNICATION
- FINANCIAL MATTERS
- EXCLUSIVE USE OF FAMILY HOUSE
- CREATE THE PERFECT STORM

#### **FAMILY MEDIATION**

- MEETING JOINTLY AND SEPARATELY WITH THE PARTIES
- EXPLAIN PROCEDURE
- LOOKING EACH PARTIE'S INTEREST AND NEEDS
- GENERATE REALISTIC OPTIONS
- FACILITATE NEGOTIATION, SO THEY CAN BOTH PROBLEM – SOLVE
- MEDIATION AGREEMENT IN THEIR OWN FREE WILL

"The quality of our lives depends not on whether or not we have conflicts, but on how we respond to them."

- Thomas Crum

**THANK YOU** 

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