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### Clients With Minor Children

Dear New Clients:

#### Welcome!

We assure you we will bring our highest efforts to assist you to resolve all issues posed by your separation or divorce in an efficient, respectful and affordable way. In addition to financial matters, your work, of course, includes the additional and important task of creating a Parenting Plan for your child(ren).

In lieu of forwarding a packet of materials by mail, we have discussed your each accessing this information directly and immediately from our website. Of course, you can return at any time to access these links and resources.

#### Tools to Prepare

Ordinarily, we suggest you download and review two Adobe®-formatted documents:

1. [Suggested Topics List \(Minor Children\)](#)
2. [Helpful Information to Assemble \(Minor Children\)](#)

These require you to have Adobe's widely used and free software, Adobe Acrobat® Reader®. If your computer does not yet have this software, or you are new to using it to access these tools, click on these [instructions](#) to download and learn how to use them.

These are simply tools, and you should not feel like you must have discussed or resolved any of these issues before we meet. Most couples need some help in understanding the range of choices they have and that is part of our job as a mediator. Nonetheless, we provide these to you to give you some direction of what information may be useful in streamlining your work together.

(Alternatively, if you feel you have resolved many or most of

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*"Given the emotionally charged subject matter, the environment and atmosphere in our mediation with Divorce Resolutions® felt surprisingly comfortable and safe. It became more like a private business meeting than a cold gathering of adversaries."*  
 - R.M.

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your parenting and financial issues and have researched and have helpful documents available and organized, these may not be of interest to you.)

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### *Terrific Optional Parenting Exercise*

If possible and you have the time and continued access to a computer, we generally recommend for your child(ren)'s benefit that you each complete the questionnaire and exercises at

[www.UpToParents.org](http://www.UpToParents.org).



These are described and explained in more detail on our [Family | On-Line Resources](#) page.

It helps to agree on who will begin this questionnaire and that person will provide the other's E-mail address, so you can be part of a single "linked" family. Many of our clients have found these exercises very powerful and helpful, but certainly, they are optional.

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### *Divorce Parenting Education Classes*

Nearly all Colorado judicial districts now require proof of parents' completion of parenting education classes, as a prerequisite to domestic relations court orders (especially decrees of dissolution of marriage or of legal separation). If you have children under 18 years of age, you may wish to investigate and schedule these classes soon. We provide our suggestions at our [Family | Divorce Parenting Education](#) page.

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### *Help With Getting Here*

Be sure to consult and perhaps print our

our [driving directions](#), and

a [map](#) provided by MapQuest®

to assist you in traveling to our office. Although the MapQuest® map is generally helpful, **we strongly recommend you use our driving directions** in lieu of theirs (there appear to be errors in directions they provide from some originations).

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### *Our Fees & Payment Policy*

This will confirm that, absent other agreement, you will each be responsible for paying at the end of the session, one-half of our fees (\$125 hour each), and that we ordinarily anticipate a two

hour first session (\$250 each, or \$500 total, if paid by a single party). We do accept MasterCard and Visa, if that is helpful.

As is the policy of all mediators, we cannot assist you in an agreement on how you will share fees, and you must have this issue decided in advance of beginning your work with us.

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### *Third Parties, Other Family and Children*

On occasion, of course, the presence of third persons (including other family members) is helpful and appropriate in mediation. In many cases, however, the presence of others hinders the mediation process. Unless arrangements have been considered and agreed to in advance by both parties and the mediator, third persons and children should not accompany you to your mediation session.

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We genuinely look forward to assisting you. Please call or write if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry (Lawrence F. King)  
Chris (Christopher L. Griffith)  
Mediators

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### *Confirmation Requested*

We'd appreciate a confirmation you have received our E-mail confirming your appointment and have accessed this page of resource materials.



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