

Divorce Mediator Specialists at Peace Talks Mediation Services



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DIANA L. MERCER, ESQ.

Diana is the founder of Peace Talks and the co-author of **Making Divorce Work**: 8 Essential Keys to Resolving Conflict and Rebuilding Your Life and **Your Divorce Advisor**: A Lawyer and A Psychologist Guide You Through the Legal and Emotional Landscape of Divorce (Simon & Schuster, 2001). After 12 years of practicing as a top divorce litigator (1988-2000), she now devotes her practice solely to mediation



MEDIATION TRAINING:

- Special Masters Training, 60-hour program completed 1994
- 40 Hour Divorce Mediation Certificate, Mosten Mediation Training
- Advanced Mediation Training, Mosten Mediation Training
- 25 Hour Mediation Training, Centinela Valley Juvenile Diversion Training
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel Training, Beverly Hills Bar Association
- 25 Hour Advance Mediation Training, Pepperdine University, 2001
- 16 Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training, Los Angeles, County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services, December 12-13, 2003 (assistant instructor)
- 16 Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training, Indiana Association of Mediators, September 26-27, 2008, with Robert Benjamin

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Co-Author, Your Divorce Advisor (2001) and Making Divorce Work (2010)
- Mediation Trainer, 40 hour Basic Family Law Mediation Training and 16 Hour Advanced Mediation Training
- Founding Partner, Noyes & Mercer, P.C. New Haven, CT. Founding partner in a Family Law practice with a range of clients from different economic and social backgrounds, from professors to plumbers.
- Adjunct Professor, University of LaVerne, Psy. D. Psychology Program, Conflict Resolution and Mediation

STEPHANIE MALONEY, CFP, CDFA

Stephanie Maloney, Certified Financial Planner® (CFP®), Certified Divorce Financial Analyst™ (CDFATM), was one of the first practicing divorce financial planners in the Los Angeles area. As a mediator with Peace Talks, Stephanie brings her expertise to help mediation clients make good choices for settlement. She helps determine the short-term and long-term financial impact of proposed divorce settlements, offers valuable insight into the pros and cons of different settlement proposals and helps avoid common financial pitfalls of divorce.



Ms. Maloney earned her Certified Financial Planning (CFP®) credential from the College for Financial Planning in Denver, Colorado in 1991. She completed the training by the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts as a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst in 1999. She has also taken Collaborative Divorce™ training and completed 30 hours of mediation training in 2005 and 40 hours of divorce mediation training in 2007. Stephanie has over 25 years of professional experience in the financial services industry providing a broad range of financial and advisory services for her clients.

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AMY REICHENBACH, PSY. D.

Dr. Amy Reichenbach is a licensed clinical psychologist. She has special training in divorce mediation, custody evaluations, co-parenting as well as substance abuse and surviving trauma. She teaches co-parenting classes and maintains a private psychotherapy practice in addition to her work at Peace Talks.



Mediation Style:

- Focus on what is best for everyone concerned
- Address biggest fears and make sure they do not come to pass
- Identify common interests and concerns
 - Emphasize letting go and moving on

JANAE M. MONROE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATE AND PARALEGAL

Janae joined Peace Talks in 2012 as a Dispute Resolution Associate and Paralegal. Janae is a trained mediator with her mediation certificate from the Center for Civic Mediation. In her role, Janae provides client support, convenes mediation sessions, and assists in the preparation of legal documents. Her encyclopedic knowledge of the California and Los Angeles Family Law rules and procedures makes her a real asset to Peace Talks. Outgoing and down-to-earth, she helps clients get through the maze of legal forms in a way that's easy to understand and efficient. Prior to her work with Peace Talks, Janae served as a law clerk with Weidmann & Yun PC. She is a graduate of Loyola Marymount.



PAULINE Y. ROBINS
BAR ADMISSION
CALIFORNIA, SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Pauline Y. Robins helps important decisions regarding custody of their children, support, and division of their property with the assistance.

Education & Training

- Bachelor of Arts in English 1986 – 1990
- Honors in English Department

Employment Experience

September 2014 to present:
Peace Talks Mediation Services:
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October 1997 to December 2014:
Law Offices of Pauline Y. Robins,
6500 Wilshire Blvd., 16th Floor,
Los Angeles, CA 90048.



University of West Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, California.

- Juris Doctor
- Moot Court

JB RIZZO, CPA/ABV/CFF

JB Rizzo, CPA/ABV/CFF is a financial mediator assisting clients in resolving financial matters in marital dissolutions. Financial issues in marital dissolutions can include property divisions, calculating incomes available for child and spousal support, valuing small and medium-sized businesses and professional practices, characterizing community and separate property, as well as other simple or complex financial analyses within family law.



Career Highlights:

- Served the Los Angeles Superior Court's Family Law Mediator Panel as a Family Law CPA Co-mediator from 2010 to 2013;
- Testified as an expert in the Los Angeles County and Ventura County Superior Courts;
- Author, "Dissolution of Goodwill" Los Angeles Lawyer, Los Angeles County Bar Association, September 2013;
- Author, "Court or Neutral Expert," Chapter 20 of Family Law Services Handbook: The Role of the Financial Expert, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ 2011;
- Speaker, California Society of CPAs' 2009 Family Law Conference, 730 Appointments [serving as the neutral CPA expert], October 2009;
- Speaker, California Society of CPAs' Family Law Section meeting, Calculation Reports under SSVS 1, November 2009;
- Instructor and co-author, Business Valuation Overview, an eight hour course provided by the California Society of Certified Public Accountants' California CPA Education Foundation 2007 and 2008;

DR. JAMES E. WALTON

Dr. **James E. Walton**, Ph.D. is an experienced Collaborative Divorce Coach holding a doctorate in Clinical Psychology, a master's in Family Therapy and an MBA in Global Management. He is on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association, and a statewide lecturer on Collaborative Divorce in California. As a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Dr. Walton specializes in helping divorcing couples process their break up in a constructive and empowering way, saving them money, heartache and time as a dispute coach with Peace Talks. In addition to his participation in Peace Talks, he is a member of the Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association, the International Association of Collaborative Professionals and the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.



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