Build a shortlist of three

There is no single official list of divorce mediators to search, so people build their own. Use this sheet to gather names from several places, check them, and narrow to three you would call.

Step 1. Gather up to six names

Mediator or practice	Where I found them	Phone or website

Places to look

- Your local family court: ask whether it keeps a list or roster of mediators, and what it takes to be on it.
- Your state bar's public lawyer search, if you want a mediator who is also a lawyer.
- Professional mediation organizations' member directories.
- A therapist, financial planner, accountant or family lawyer you trust.
- Mediation practices you call directly.

Court-run mediation programs and private mediators are different things. Ask a court program what it covers and whether you need an open case to use it.

If you are in Arizona

- "Mediator" is not a licensed title. The Superior Court in Maricopa County tells the public there are no licensing or minimum educational requirements to advertise as one, and that it maintains a list of mediators who have met certain minimum requirements.
- Court-run mediation in Maricopa and Pima counties deals with disputes about children, inside an existing court case.
- To check a lawyer-mediator: State Bar of Arizona, azbar.org, "For the Public".

Step 2. Run four checks on each name

Check	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4	Name 5	Name 6
Licence behind the title (lawyer, therapist, document preparer) looked up with the body that issues it						
Mediation training named, including divorce-specific training						
Says how they screen for safety and fairness						
Will give the fee, and what it covers, in writing						

A licence in another profession, such as law or counseling, can be looked up. Mediation training has to be asked about.

Step 3. Circle three and call them

My three	Call booked for	Spouse also speaking with them?	Fee quoted

- [ ] Take the **Mediator Interview Kit** to each call: divorcemediators.com/find-a-mediator/questions-to-ask/
- [ ] Compare the fees like for like: divorcemediators.com/find-a-mediator/compare-quotes/

> **If you are afraid of your spouse, or are being hurt, threatened or controlled,** talk with an advocate before contacting a mediator. National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233, or text START to 88788. In Arizona: Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence 602-279-2900 or 1-800-782-6400. In immediate danger, call 911.

Arizona sources, opened November 12, 2026: Superior Court in Maricopa County, mediation packet DRADM1 and Conciliation Services page; Pima County Superior Court, Conciliation Court mediation page; State Bar of Arizona, For the Public; Arizona Judicial Branch, Domestic Violence Information. General information, not legal advice.