

## what else is there to know?

- Witnesses are not required.
- We do not offer legal advice or representation. You are responsible for getting any legal advice you may need.
- This is not counseling or therapy.
- The mediation sessions usually last from two to four hours.

## the benefits

### FAST

Mediations are typically scheduled within two to three weeks.

### FREE

The Mediation Clinic does not charge a fee for its services.

### VOLUNTARY

In mediation, you take control of the problem and the solution. You decide whether to come to the mediating table, how to resolve the dispute, and when to leave.

### CONFIDENTIAL

Washington law makes mediation sessions confidential. In mediation, you can talk without worrying about hearing it later in court. The mediators cannot be called to testify in court as a witness for your case.

### EFFECTIVE

Over 70 percent of the disputes mediated in our program have settled. Compliance with those agreements is much higher than with court judgments--because mediated settlements are created by those who have to live up to them.

## mediation clinic

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## what is mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process in which disputing parties negotiate their own settlement with the help of an impartial mediator. The negotiating parties decide the outcome. The mediator facilitates the process.

## the mediation clinic

The Mediation Clinic is a free mediation service for the general public, as well as staff, students, and faculty at the University of Washington.

The mediators are second and third year law students who have completed their mediation training through the Continuing Legal Education Program at the UW School of Law. The mediators receive two quarters of intensive mediation instruction and apprenticeship and are supervised by a faculty member or other professional mediator. This service is offered free of charge as part of the public service program at the law school. Language interpretation services may be available.

## what makes a successful mediation?

- All relevant parties with decision-making authority are present.
- The parties are willing to negotiate in good faith.
- The parties are willing to listen to each other and keep an open mind.

## the process

1. Contact the Mediation Coordinator at 206-685-4140 or [mediates@uw.edu](mailto:mediates@uw.edu).
2. The Mediation Coordinator will listen to your situation and determine if your dispute is appropriate for mediation.
3. The Mediation Coordinator will contact the other party, explain the process to them, and determine if they are willing to mediate.
4. Your mediation will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time and usually takes place at the UW School of Law.
5. At the mediation session, each party explains his or her point of view. The mediators do not decide who is right or wrong, but instead assist you and the other party in reaching an agreement.
6. If you reach an agreement, it can be finalized by a written agreement.

## typical participants

Buyer/Seller  
Consumer/Business  
Landlord/Tenant  
Co-workers  
Neighbors  
Employer/Employee  
Housemates/Roommates  
Student/Staff

