

Mediation



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... a pathway to resolution

Zinta Harris specialises in helping grieving families stay out of Court and work together to reach an early resolution of their estate dispute. She also works with families who want to try and prevent disputes over the inheritance from happening, by facilitating pre-death family meetings to broker agreements about the succession plan. She is the owner of Resolve Estate Law, a boutique specialist estates law firm, an a Nationally Accredited Mediator, Accredited Specialist in Succession Law (Qld) and a Collaborative Practitioner.

In her work as a Mediator Zinta draws on her extensive experience in Contested Estates and Complex Estate Administration as well as her Mediation and Collaborative Practice skills to help parties reach resolution in a respectful way.

Whether parties are legally represented or not, Zinta works in a way to ensure all parties have the chance to express what is most important to them. She works with the parties and their lawyers to reach acceptable resolutions so that family disputes over inheritance do not end up in court.

Zinta's Mediation Rates:

Half Day Mediation (up to 4hrs)	\$2,500 (inc GST)
Full Day Mediation (up to 8 hrs)	\$4,500 (inc GST)



What's included?

- Review of a brief of information from all parties. If the volume of materials exceeds 1 lever arch folder, additional reading time will be charged on an hourly rate.
- A mediation (full day or half day) where all parties (and their respective legal representatives) meet to discuss matters in issue to reach agreements on those issues.

Why mediation?

- Discussions in the mediation can deal with all matters relevant to the parties, not just their competing legal rights and entitlements, so that settlements can include agreements about other things a court would not consider relevant;
- If all parties commit to make a genuine effort to resolve the issues, the success rate for reaching settlement at mediation, is high;
- Proceeding with a mediation (or a series of mediation/s) is a pathway to resolution that can be more efficient in terms of costs (both financial and emotional) and can mean resolution is reached in a shorter time frame when compared to a court process.
- The parties, if engaging in the mediation in 'good faith', have an opportunity to 'be heard', resolve their differences and get on with living their lives without ongoing conflict.



What are the results of Mediation?

- With an Estates lawyer with in excess of 24 years experience, Zinta is a well-respected mediator who provides knowledge and guidance in a way that will assist the parties to reach a mutually acceptable agreement;
- If the mediation results in an agreement, Zinta will work with the parties or their legal representatives to formalise the agreement into a Deed of Settlement (or other legally binding document). This will finalise resolution of the dispute and help all parties to move forward with certainty and clarity;
- If the mediation does not result in an agreement, it will at the very least provide the parties with greater clarity regarding the issues in dispute . In working through the mediation several issues may be resolved. This will assist in narrowing the issues remaining in dispute and may lead to agreement following the mediation.

"... if at first you don't succeed, try, try again"

- Thomas H Palmer

If resolution is not reached after your first mediation, a second may be useful in reaching an agreement between the parties.



Contact Zinta

Get in touch with Zinta today in relation to discuss how she may be able to mediate your matter.

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