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This book draws on the concrete knowledge and practice experience of leading mediators, working in a variety of fields, to inform contemporary

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debates and challenges. These practitioners reflect on the excitement, complexity and satisfaction of their work as well as on the differences and commonalities across diverse fields of mediation practice.

This evaluation report presents findings on the effectiveness of family dispute

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resolution (FDR) services in legal aid commissions throughout Australia. The evaluation looked at: the role of commissions in the new family law context; screening and intake; focus on the best interests of the child; inclusion of extended family; management of family violence, child protection and

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power imbalance; availability of appropriate FDR services for people with special needs; satisfaction with FDR services; quality improvement; and relative cost effectiveness as compared to litigation. It report also presents recommendations for a framework to facilitate ongoing

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program development.

This is the authoritative textbook on family mediation. As well as mediators, this work will be indispensable for practitioners and scholars across a wide range of fields, including social work and law. It draws on a wide cross-disciplinary theoretical literature and

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on the author's extensive and continuing practice experience. It encompasses developments in policy, research and practice in the UK and beyond. Roberts presents mediation as an aid to joint decision-making in the context of a range of family disputes, notably those involving children.

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Mediation is seen as a process of intervention distinct from legal, social work and therapeutic practice, drawing on a distinctive body of knowledge across disciplinary fields including anthropology, psychology and negotiation theory. Incorporating empirical evidence, the book

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emphasizes the value of mediation in mitigating the harmful effects of family breakdown and conflict. First published in 1988 as a pioneering work, this third edition has been fully updated to incorporate legal and policy developments in the UK and in Europe, new sociological and philosophical

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perspectives on respect, justice and conflict, and international research and practice innovations.

The Handbook of Mediation gathers leading experts across fields related to peace, justice, human rights, and conflict resolution to explore ways that mediation can be applied to a range of

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spectrums, including new age settings, relationships, organizations, institutions, communities, environmental conflicts, and intercultural and international conflicts. The text is informed by cogent theory, state-of-the-art research, and best practices to provide the reader with a

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well-rounded understanding of mediation practice in contemporary times. Based on four signature themes—contexts; skills and competencies; applications; and recommendations—the handbook provides theoretical, applicable, and practical insight into a variety of key

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approaches to mediation. Authors consider modern conflict on a local and global scale, emphasizing the importance of identifying effective strategies, foundations, and methods to shape the nature of a mediation mindfully and effectively. With a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives,

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the text complements the development of the reader's competencies and understanding of mediation in order to contribute to the advancement of the mediation field. With a conversational tone that will welcome readers, this comprehensive book is essential reading for students and professionals wanting

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to learn a wide range of potential interventions for conflict.

Care and Contact of Children,
Parenting, Guardianship, Family

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A-Z of Mediation

Evidence for Creating the Ideal People

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Global Trends in Mediation
Evaluation of Family Dispute
Resolution Service and Mandatory Self-
representation
Family Mediation: Contemporary
Issues

This book brings together the

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expertise of two authors involved in initiating the development of Online Family Dispute Resolution (OFDR), while also examining the unique Australian system. The family arena generally comprises

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property or child-related disputes arising between parents, whether married or not, and whether the parties have lived together or not. A special feature of Australia ' s OFDR system is that it deals with

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children ' s issues rather than focusing on property distribution. The book first discusses how technological innovations have transformed dispute resolution services to families. It explores the need for

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OFDR and how such systems can potentially be implemented. In turn, the coverage shifts to screening tools used prior to a Family Dispute Resolution session to ensure that online systems are appropriate for the

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case under dispute and the people involved. Readers will then learn about the necessary training required – for administrators, practitioners and clients alike - for OFDR to be successful. In addition, the book

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offers a comprehensive evaluation of the system and reflects on the lessons learned to date. In closing, it suggests ways in which OFDR could be further developed and applied to family disputes around the

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world.

"The 3rd edition of this essential title continues its significant role in providing a substantial resource for practitioners, anchoring their work in best practice, standards and ethics." -

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From the Foreword to the 3rd Edition, by Professor Hilary Astor Mediating with Families 4th edition provides unique insights into the theory and practice of mediation in Australia. It considers the variety

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and diversity of family relationships, such as those between same-sex, de facto and married couples, parents and adolescents, extended family relationships, siblings and their elderly parents.

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conflict, Search for Common
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for Banking Services and
Investments, Centre for Effective

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Mechanism, Complaint system,
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Polder Model, Dispute board,
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courts, Jirga, Lok Adalat, JAMS,
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Mediation, Peacemaking,
Peninsula Conflict Resolution
Center, Muslim Arbitration
Tribunal, Dispute Settlement

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Memorandum of agreement,
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Conflict Style Inventory, Newton
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style, Program on Intrastate
Conflict and Conflict Resolution,

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theory, Dispute pyramid,
Negotiated order, Watching

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brief, Public Advocate. Excerpt: Mediation, as used in law, is a form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), is a way of resolving disputes between two or more parties. A third party, the mediator, assists the par...

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Do lawyers make matters worse, or do they provide information, advice and support which can help to prevent disputes arising or manage them when they do? Do mediators enable parties to communicate and reach

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agreements tailor-made to their needs? Or working outside the legal framework, do they find it difficult to protect weaker parties and access expert advice? What happens when lawyers become mediators? This

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book will describe the structure of service provision and the day-to-day work of lawyers, mediators, and lawyer mediators, drawing on empirical work carried out between 2013 and 2015 immediately after the

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recent changes to the management of divorce and separation within the family justice system. The reduction in legal aided help in 2013 and the failure of mediation to fill the gap in 2014–15 have given rise

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to a difficult debate. This book aims to provide an account of some of the practical effects of these policies through a description of the daily work of practitioners in the sector. It raises the question of whether

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we need to choose between traditional legal services and the new processes of private ordering or whether intermediate positions might be possible.

Qualitative Research Findings

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final report

Online Family Dispute
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The Mediation Handbook
Mediating with Families
Women, Mediation, and
Religious Arbitration

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Rethinking Family Dispute Resolution

The editors' earlier book
Delivering Family Justice in the
21st Century (2016) described
a period of turbulence in family
justice arising from financial

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austerity. Governments across the world have sought to reduce public spending on private quarrels by promoting mediation (ADR) and by beginning to look at digital justice (ODR) as alternatives to

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courts and lawyers. But this book describes how mediation has failed to take the place of courts and lawyers, even where public funding for legal help has been removed. Instead ODR has developed rapidly, led by

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the Dutch Rechtwijzer. The authors question the speed of this development, and stress the need for careful evaluation of how far these services can meet the needs of divorcing families. In this book, experts

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from Canada, Australia, Turkey,
Spain, Germany, France,
Poland, Scotland, and England
and Wales explore how ADR
has fallen behind, and how we
have learned from the rise and
fall of ODR in the Rechtwijzer

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about what digital justice can and cannot achieve. Managing procedure and process? Yes. Dispute resolution? Not yet. The authors end by raising broader questions about the role of a family justice system:

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is it dispute resolution? Or
dispute prevention,
management, and above all
legal protection of the
vulnerable?

Drawing on their own
experiences as mediators, the

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contributors to this book discuss the benefits and drawbacks of mediation and use case studies to illustrate how mediation works in practice. This book provides a comprehensive overview of

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mediation as well as containing useful information and advice for anyone involved in mediation.

A book that deals with the resolution of conflict across the legal, social and political

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spectrum by means of
alternative methods to
confrontation and conflict and
adversarial approaches.

The modern emergence of
mediation in the West in the
1980s represents a profound

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transformation of civil disputing practice, particularly in the field of family justice. In the field of family disputes mediation has emerged to fill a gap which none of the existing services, lawyers and courts on

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the one hand, or welfare, advisory or therapeutic interventions on the other, could in their nature have filled. In the UK mediation is now the approved pathway in the current landscape of family

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dispute resolution processes, officially endorsed and publicly funded by government to provide separating and divorcing families with the opportunity to resolve their disputes co-operatively with

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less acrimony, delay and cost than the traditional competitive litigation and court process.

The consolidation of the professional practice of family mediation reflects its progress and creativity in respect both of

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the expanding focus on professional quality assurance as well as on developments of policy, practice guidelines and training to address central concerns about the role of children in mediation,

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screening for domestic abuse, sexual orientation and gender identity as well as cross-cultural issues including the role of interpreters in the process. Other areas of innovation include the application of family

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mediation to a growing range of family conflict situations involving, for example, international family disputes (including cross border, relocation and child abduction issues). Written by leaders in

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family mediation, this title provides a contemporary account of current practice developments and research concerning family mediation across a range of issues in the UK and Ireland.

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Commissions
ADR in Action
A Report on Use Of, and
Attitudes to Mediation Services
Among Divorcing and

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Separating Couples
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Family Mediation
Digital Family Justice
Bargaining in the Shadow of
the Law?

It is an authoritative

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and practical guide
which not only explains
the principles and
process of family
mediation but also
places it in the context
of a changing family

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justice system and its
interaction with other
professionals and
processes.

This study was carried
out against the
background of the

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**Federal Attorney-
General's Department
White Paper, Delivery of
Primary Dispute
Resolution Services in
Family Law. The White
Paper states that the**

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Government is
considering a greater
community sector focus
in the provision of
federally funded primary
dispute resolution
services, in an effort

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to improve
effectiveness. The
report shows that people
who were not aware of
mediation services at
the time of their
separation or divorce

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felt they might have
been better off - in
terms of cost, fairness
of outcomes and access
to information - if they
had used family and
child mediation to

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resolve their issues.
?The family justice
system in England and
Wales has undergone
radical change over the
past 20 years. A
significant part of this

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shifting landscape has
been an increasing
emphasis on settling
private family disputes
out of court, which has
been embraced by policy-
makers, judges and

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practitioners alike and
is promoted as an
unqualified good.

Mapping Paths to Family
Justice: Resolving
Family Disputes in
Neoliberal Times

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examines the experiences of people taking part in out-of-court family dispute resolution in England and Wales. It addresses questions such as how participants'

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experiences match up to the ideal; how recent changes to the legal system have affected people's ability to access out-of-court dispute resolution; and

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what kind of outcomes
are achieved in family
dispute resolution. This
book is the first study
systematically to
compare different forms
of family dispute

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resolution. It explores
people's experiences of
solicitor negotiations,
mediation and
collaborative law
empirically by analyzing
findings from a

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**nationally
representative survey,
individual in-depth
interviews with parties
and practitioners, and
recorded family dispute
resolution processes. It**

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considers these in the
context of ongoing
neoliberal reforms to
the family justice
system, drawing out
conclusions and
implications for policy

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and practice.

Building on the success
of their groundbreaking
1988 *Divorce Mediation*,
Folberg et al. now
present the latest state-
of-the-art,

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on family and divorce
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way for the field to
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contributed by leading
mediation researchers,
trainers, and
practitioners. Detailed
are the theory behind

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mediation practice, the
contemporary social and
political context, and
practical issues
involved in mediating
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disputes with

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contemporary families.
Authors also address
intriguing questions
about professional
standards and where the
field should go from
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resource, this volume is
indispensable for all
mental health and legal
professionals working
with families in
transition.

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Technology

A Foundation Guide

**The Brave New World of
Services for Separating
Families**

**Models, Techniques, and
Applications**

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Alternative dispute resolution has now supplanted litigation as the principal method of dispute resolution. This overview of dispute resolution addresses practical developments in areas such as family law, plea bargaining, industrial relations and

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torts. The authors elaborate on the necessary legal safeguards that should be taken into account when developing technology-enhanced dispute resolution and explore a wide range of potential applications for new information technologies in

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dispute resolution.

In its first edition, Global Trends in Mediation was the first book to concentrate on mediation from a comparative perspective - reaching beyond the all-too-familiar Anglo-American view - and as such has

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enjoyed wide practical use among alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practitioners worldwide. This new edition has not only been updated throughout; it has also added two new jurisdictions (France and Quebec) and a very useful comparative table

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summarising the salient points from each of the fourteen jurisdictional chapters. Each jurisdictional chapter addresses critical structural and process issues in alternative dispute resolution such as the institutionalisation of mediation,

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mediation case law and legislation, the range and nature of disputes where mediation is utilised, court-related mediation, mediation practice standards, education, training and accreditation of mediators, the role of lawyers in mediation, online dispute

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resolution and future trends. All the contributors are senior dispute resolution academics or practitioners with vast knowledge and experience of dispute resolution developments in their countries and abroad.

A Handbook of Dispute Resolution

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examines the theoretical and practical developments that are transforming the practice of lawyers and other professionals engaged in settling disputes, grievance-handling and litigation. The book explains what distinguishes ADR from other forms

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of dispute resolution and examines the role ADR can play in a range of contexts where litigation would once have been the only option, such as family law and company law. In some areas, like industrial relations, ADR is not an alternative, but the

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main method of conflict-intervention, and several contributors draw on their experience of negotiating between management and unions. A wide variety of methods is open to the non-litigious, including resort to Ombudsmen, negotiation, small

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claims courts and mini-trials; these and other options receive detailed attention. Given the newness of ADR as a discipline, questions about the training of mediators and about the role of central government have not yet been resolved. The final section of

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the book is devoted to discussion of these issues. Case studies are drawn from the international arena - examples from China, Canada, Australia, Germany and North America place ADR in a cultural and historical perspective.

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Examines developments in the community mediation field over the past two decades & reviews the field's major achievements & ongoing challenges. The evolution of the field, the diversification of services, & major resources available to the field

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are reviewed & research findings dealing with community mediation are also examined. Information for the report was obtained from: a review of literature in the field, an examination of materials obtained from programs across the country,

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*discussions with experts in the field,
& site visits to innovative programs in
CA, NY, & NC. Charts & graphs.*

Resource listing.

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Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, Credit ombudsman service, Best alternative to a negotiated agreement, Negotiation theory, Lawburrows, Suitable age and discretion, Program on Negotiation,

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Lawrence Brahm, Intervention, Dispute Mechanism, Complaint system, Organizational ombudsman, Polder Model, Dispute board, Participatory justice, Teen courts, Jirga, Lok Adalat, JAMS, Fair fighting, Party-directed mediation, Thomas Kilmann

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Conflict Mode Instrument, National Arbitration and Mediation, Peacemaking, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, Muslim Arbitration Tribunal, Dispute Settlement Body, Party participation in the mediation process, Special referee, Win-win game, National

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Mediation Training Registry, Family mediation, Adat, Healing the Divide, Dispute Systems Design, Spaak method, Community Boards, Memorandum of agreement, Preventive diplomacy, Kraybill Conflict Style Inventory, Newton hearing, Conflict management style,

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Academy of Distinguished Neutrals,
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order, Watching brief, Public

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Advocate.

If you are in search of a concise yet authoritative overview of mediation as a process of dispute resolution, then you need look no further.

Marian Roberts' A-Z of Mediation succinctly captures the concepts, applications, debates and critiques

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that are shaping this rapidly expanding field. Expertly organised into just over 80 entries, the book combines theory, research and practitioner experience to provide a wealth of insight and analysis. The book's unique A-Z format makes it an ideal point of reference.

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Numerous cross-references are in place to guide you through the material and highlight the field's connecting strands. The key classic and contemporary readings are also systematically signposted, topic by topic, drawn from an extensive multidisciplinary literature. Whether

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you are studying, training or already in practice, this book provides an invaluable source of clarity as well as a comprehensive map of the field.

In March 2014, changes were made to how the family justice system works in New Zealand. This report

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evaluates two of the reforms one year after they were introduced: the Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) service and mandatory self-representation in the early stages of some Family Court proceedings. The FDR service supports separating parents to reach

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mediated parenting agreements out-of-court, and mandatory self-representation applies to people who take their mediated parenting agreement to the Family Court for formal recognition or who would like a judge to help them reach agreement or make a decision for

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them, in regards to filing court documents or meeting with the judge in the early stages of the court process. Drawing on interviews with parents, FDR mediators and providers, Family Court judges, and legal professionals and staff, the

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evaluation explores the experiences of clients, investigates the impact of the reforms, assesses what is and what is not working, and identifies opportunities for improvement.

Preface by Hugh McIsaac Family mediation has quickly become a significant means of legal dispute

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resolution, recognized in most North American jurisdictions as a relief to already overburdened judicial systems. Using an innovative practical approach, the authors of Family Mediation incorporate the pivotal principles of family therapy into this new

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context--the judicial realm of family mediation. The practice model--therapeutic family mediation--thoroughly treats history, specific issues, and practice in an ecosystemic approach and responds to feminist critique of mediation. In addition,

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the authors offer important perspectives on mediating with multicultural populations and the role of the mediator in child custody disputes and child protection cases. Through examination of family mediation research as well as helpful case history vignettes,

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the authors of this volume take action to fill significant gaps between family therapy and mediation. Family Mediation provides a new take on family mediation that will benefit not only professionals and researchers in family studies, social work, clinical

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psychology, and sociology but also professional and volunteer mediators, conciliation court personnel, and family law specialists. "Family Mediation is an excellent blend of scholarship and practice, and it is the best of the books I have read on family

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mediation. First, it is clear and well written. Second, it provides an in-depth, current review of the divorce literature. The literature on divorce is large, uneven, and difficult to interpret. The authors have done a service to the profession by skillfully reviewing and integrating

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this literature." --Stephen J. Bahr,
Brigham Young University "This
book is one of the most
comprehensive and well-researched
texts on mediation to date. The
authors have compiled an immense
array of information regarding the
history of family mediation, the

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practice and knowledge base, a review of literature regarding divorce, the principles of mediation, gender and cultural issues, elements in a child custody dispute, sharing parenting, cultural issues, and the use of mediation in dependency, and they include an

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excellent summary of research conducted. . . . Of particular value is the enormous scope of the review of literature and the work of others, not only in Canada but also the United States, Australia, and Great Britain, underscoring the international nature of this

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transformation. What Howard H. Irving and Michael Benjamin have done is chart a major shift in the handling of conflict and they have done it very well." --Family and Conciliation Courts Review
"Howard H. Irving and Michael Benjamin have surveyed and

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summarized an immense amount of material within the covers of this volume, presenting it in a clear, readable style. It is one of the rare texts on mediation that does justice to the complexity of families generally and families in North America particularly--to their

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diversity of culture, to the scope of feminist thought and gender differences, and to the ranges of social class. Their attention to divergent forms of mediation and differences in practice across jurisdictions is broadly sighted. An excellent choice for a text in

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mediation." --Mary A. Duryee, Family Court Services, Alameda County, Oakland, CA "Howard H. Irving and Michael Benjamin grapple with what is the most difficult event that confronts almost half of all modern families--divorce. Historically, the developmental

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issues and problems surrounding divorce have been solved in the courts. But modern-day courts are overwhelmed by an avalanche of divorce cases, more than a million a year, and are unable to meet the needs of separating parties. Family Mediation offers a fundamentally

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different approach from the conventional legal system. The empirical research and clinical experience Irving and Benjamin bring to bear on this subject have resulted in the seminal work in this area. This delightful and thoughtful book is a must for the modern

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mediation practitioner who works with families and children."

--Duncan Lindsey, Professor, UCLA, and Editor-in-Chief, Children and Youth Services Review "This book is unique in providing a complete overview of relevant subject areas for family mediation under one

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cover. Its writing is timely because it dispels some of the myths in the rapidly expanding field of family mediation. . . . Family Mediation is a comprehensive text that follows the development of family mediation through the present and concludes with the predictors of future

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directions. It is perhaps the most thorough critical review of the literature pertaining to family mediation and develops an inclusive practical model of practice for practitioners. The book is readable . . . responsible, and of interest to family mediators and the

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family law lawyers who work closely with them. It may become a must as a background for the novice family mediator about to embark on a course of training."

--Laurel Pearson, McWhinney, Metcalfe, and Associates, Toronto, Canada

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The Blackwell Handbook of
Mediation

The Family Dispute Resolution
Process

A Handbook of Dispute Resolution

The Case of Family Mediation

Mediation, Negotiation,

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Dispute Resolution, Alternative
Dispute Resolution, Organizational
Conflict,

Dispute Resolution

Mediation Theory and Practice

**This article is about the
legal concept. Family law**

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**(also called matrimonial law)
is an area of the law that
deals with family matters
and domestic relations.
Over the past thirty years,
there has been a dramatic
shift in the way the legal**

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**system approaches and
resolves family disputes.
Traditionally, family law
dispute resolution was based
on an “adversary” system:
two parties and their
advocates stood before a**

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judge who determined which party was at fault in a divorce and who would be awarded the rights in a custody dispute. Now, many family courts are opting for a “problem-solving” model

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in which courts attempt to resolve both legal and non-legal issues. At the same time, American families have changed dramatically. Divorce rates have leveled off and begun to drop, while

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**the number of children born
and raised outside of
marriage has increased
sharply. Fathers are more
likely to seek an active role
in their children's lives.
While this enhanced**

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**paternal involvement
benefits children, it also
increases the likelihood of
disputes between parents. As
a result, the families who
seek legal dispute resolution
have become more diverse**

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and their legal situations more complex. In *Divorced from Reality*, Jane C. Murphy and Jana B. Singer argue that the current "problem solving" model fails to address the realities of

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today's families. The authors suggest that while today's dispute resolution regime may represent an improvement over its more adversary predecessor, it is built largely around the

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model of a divorcing nuclear family with lawyers representing all parties—a model that fits poorly with the realities of today's disputing families. To serve the families it is meant to

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**help, the legal system must
adapt and reshape itself.
This handbook invites
readers who are interested
in mediation, negotiation and
conflict resolution to share
the perspectives of experts in**

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the field. Contributors include scholars, mediators, trainers and negotiators, all of whom are passionate about their work.

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