

When to bring me in

I'm a pinch hitter, not a full mediation practice competing for your case. I step in for one bounded piece — a single stuck issue, a full parenting plan, or ongoing structure after the agreement — and hand the case back so you can close it. Here's how to know which one fits.

The Pinch Hit

\$1,000

One issue holding up a case that's otherwise moving.

CALL WHEN:

- You can't get past one issue, and it's holding up the whole case — threatening to derail it or leading to escalating high-conflict interactions.
- The issue is emotional or relational, not primarily financial — the kind that stalls momentum rather than requiring document review.
- You need it resolved without reopening the rest of the file.

I resolve the impasse. Drafting stays with you, and the client stays yours.

The Family Fit

\$2,500

A full parenting plan, built around a specific child rather than a legal template.

CALL WHEN:

- There's no workable parenting plan yet, or the one in place isn't holding.
- Conflict is high enough that a generic schedule template won't survive contact with this family.
- You need a plan built from an understanding of this child's temperament and this family's actual pattern — not a boilerplate custody schedule.

Parenting Coordination

Billed hourly

Ongoing structure for families who keep cycling back to the same conflicts.

CALL WHEN:

- There's already an order or agreement in place, but the same disputes keep resurfacing.
- Someone with standing needs to be available to resolve issues as they come up, rather than sending the family back to court each time.
- Established by agreement or stipulation between the parties.

Why this is worth the referral: in collaborative divorce training, attorneys in the room put the cost of building toward a single day of trial in San Diego at **\$20,000–\$30,000**. Any of these packages resolves the sticking point for a fraction of that — and keeps the rest of your case on track.

HOW TO INTRODUCE THIS TO YOUR CLIENT

"I'm bringing in a specialist for a focused session on [the specific issue] so we can keep the rest of this case moving. This isn't a new mediation — it's one targeted piece, and you'll be back with me once it's resolved."

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