

Pre-Mediation Financial Clarity for Couples - \$2,250

You've made the hard decision to divorce—and you want to do it respectfully and fairly.

You and your spouse are committed to keeping things amicable. There's no drawn-out courtroom battle in your future -- just a desire to move forward with clarity, integrity, and mutual respect. But as you prepare for mediation, the numbers are starting to feel overwhelming. You want to be educated and prepared before you step into mediation, but you don't know where to start. You're not looking for someone to take sides -- you just want someone who can explain the "divorce math" in a way that's clear, neutral, and tailored to your unique situation.

You're not trying to win – you're trying to be fair, and that requires understanding the numbers.

Imagine both of you walking into the room with your mediator feeling informed and in sync. You've already reviewed your finances, talked through various settlement scenarios, and have a clear understanding of how different options will affect you both. You've done it together, as a team.

When you work with me, you will:

- Receive expert support in understanding financial and tax implications of your divorce.
- Explore estimates for child and/or spousal support based on real-life variables.
- Avoid common mistakes in dividing retirement accounts and equity compensation.
- Save money and reduce conflict by working with one financial expert (instead of two).
- Walk into mediation with shared understanding and greater peace of mind.

This package is for cooperative spouses who want to understand the math behind divorce and make informed decisions based on financial facts—not emotion, resentment, or guesswork. My role is neutral—I'm not here to take sides. The package includes:

- Three 90-minute joint Zoom meetings.
- Data entry of assets, debts, income and expenses into proprietary software to run property division scenarios and estimated child and spousal support calculations.
- Memo capturing tentative agreements to share with your mediator or legal document assistant, so you don't have to start from scratch to negotiate and draft a marital settlement agreement.

**Time must be used within 12 months. This is a flat-fee package with no refunds for unused time.*

Forensic accounting such as separate property retirement account tracing, community property apportionment of RSUs/stock options, and analysis of income available for support available at \$300/hr.

Laurie Itkin is a certified divorce financial analyst ("CDFA") and a former board member of the Association of Divorce Financial Planners. She has worked on more than 550 California divorce cases. More information can be found at www.TheOptionsLady.com

Schedule a 15-min call with Laurie to determine if this package is right for you by clicking [here](#).