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Mediation can settle disputes about children and property. Mediation is a form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and aims to assist two (or more) people to reach an agreement. Whether an agreement results or not, and whatever the content of that agreement, if any, the parties themselves determine it rather than accepting something imposed by a Court which they both may dislike. This flyer contains a summary of the Dispute Resolution Services I can offer.

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Mediations are held in my Chambers in Castlereagh Street, Sydney. I have 3 rooms with natural light and balconies, an internal room, printers and internet etc. There is no charge for the facilities. I can travel to regional centres if required.

Anything said at a mediation is **strictly confidential** and, other than in exceptional circumstances, may not be used in Court. You may choose an **Evaluative Mediation** which is a modelled on judges' settlement conferences. An evaluative mediator assists the parties to reach agreement by assessing what a judge would be likely to do. The mediator may make recommendations about certain issues. They evaluate the case based on legal concepts of fairness and explain the costs vs. the benefits of pursuing legal proceedings rather than settling in mediation. Although opinions expressed do not bind the parties, it usually helps when they are deadlocked on certain issues. **Evaluative Mediation** is proven to be very effective in solving Family Law disputes here & overseas.

For up to **3 hours of mediation** there is a flat fee of **\$3,000** and **6 hours** the flat fee is **\$5,500**. After that I charge \$600 per hour and includes a pre-mediation phone conference and reading of any documents, GST INCLUDED. Parties usually pay 50% of these fees each.

Richard Maurice holds degrees in Law and Economics from Sydney University. He works as a Barrister & Mediator in Family Law financial and parenting matters. He was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1984 and admitted a barrister in 1988. Since then he has practiced mainly in the area of Family Law. He is a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, associate member of the Professional Mediation Association (UK) and the International Society of Family Law.