



MARITAL ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED

1. **Parenting Arrangement**
Legal responsibilities
Regular time-sharing schedule
Holidays, Vacations
Child Support
2. **New Budgets for Two Households**
Income, housing, children's upkeep, extraordinary costs, non-marital resources
Child support
Spousal support?
3. **Health Care**
Insurance – provision and cost
Uninsured expenses for children
4. **Life Insurance**
Amount covering each spouse
Named beneficiary(ies)
5. **Property Issues**
Separate vs. Marital Property
Residence - valuation, and disposition
Retirement - pensions, profit-sharing, 401(k), IRAs – valuation & division
Other property - value and how to divide
Debt – who will be responsible
6. **Fees and Costs of the Divorce**
7. **Financial Issues Surrounding the Children**
Tax Exemptions, PFD, Paying for College
8. **Tax Filing Status** - refund or liability
9. **Other**



DIVORCE OPTIONS OVERVIEW

LEGAL PROCEDURES IN ALASKA

Dissolution (cookie cutter approach)

Divorce Compliant & Answer (flexible)

Forms are available to do it yourself

May ask for trial or settlement hearing

Trial may be formal or informal (if agreed and requested)

TOOLS

Family Law Self-Help Center (court system)

-website, forms, helpline & classes

Courtview – track your case

Alaska Legal Services

ANDSVA (domestic violence)

Alaska Bar Association (lawyer referral, pro bono list, unbundled list)

TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL HELP

Family Therapist

-separation therapy, child welfare advice, etc)

Financial Professional (CPA, CFP, CDFIA, etc.)

Lawyer

-full representation (lawyer handles everything, hires experts,etc.)

-legal advice in the background (“unbundled” consultation)

-may assist with mediation, dissolution, or self-filed divorce

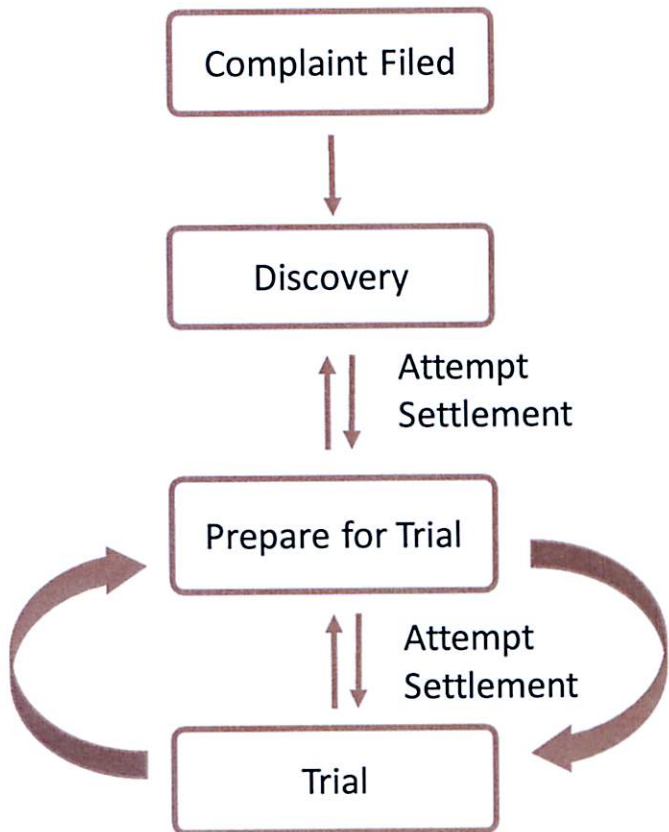
Mediator (many species)

-may assist with dissolution or divorce settlement

-attorney mediators may help with document drafting

Collaborative Divorce Process – combines all the above in one team

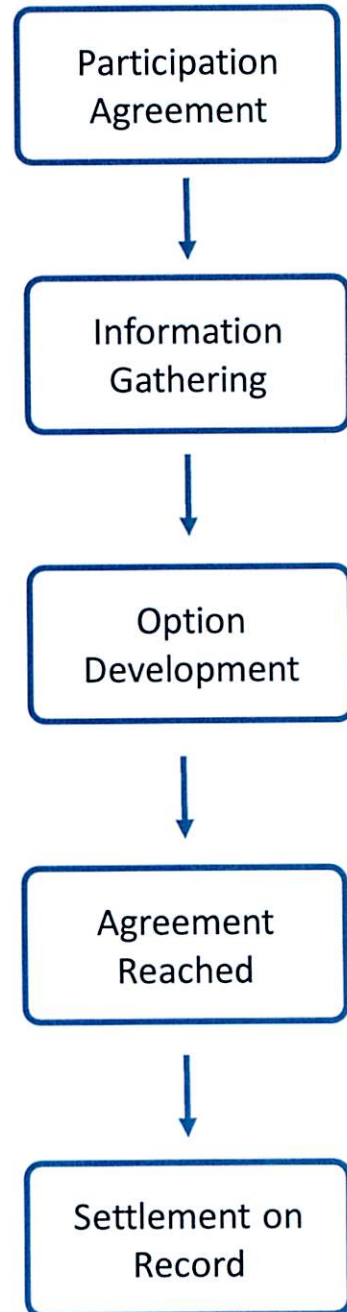
LITIGATION



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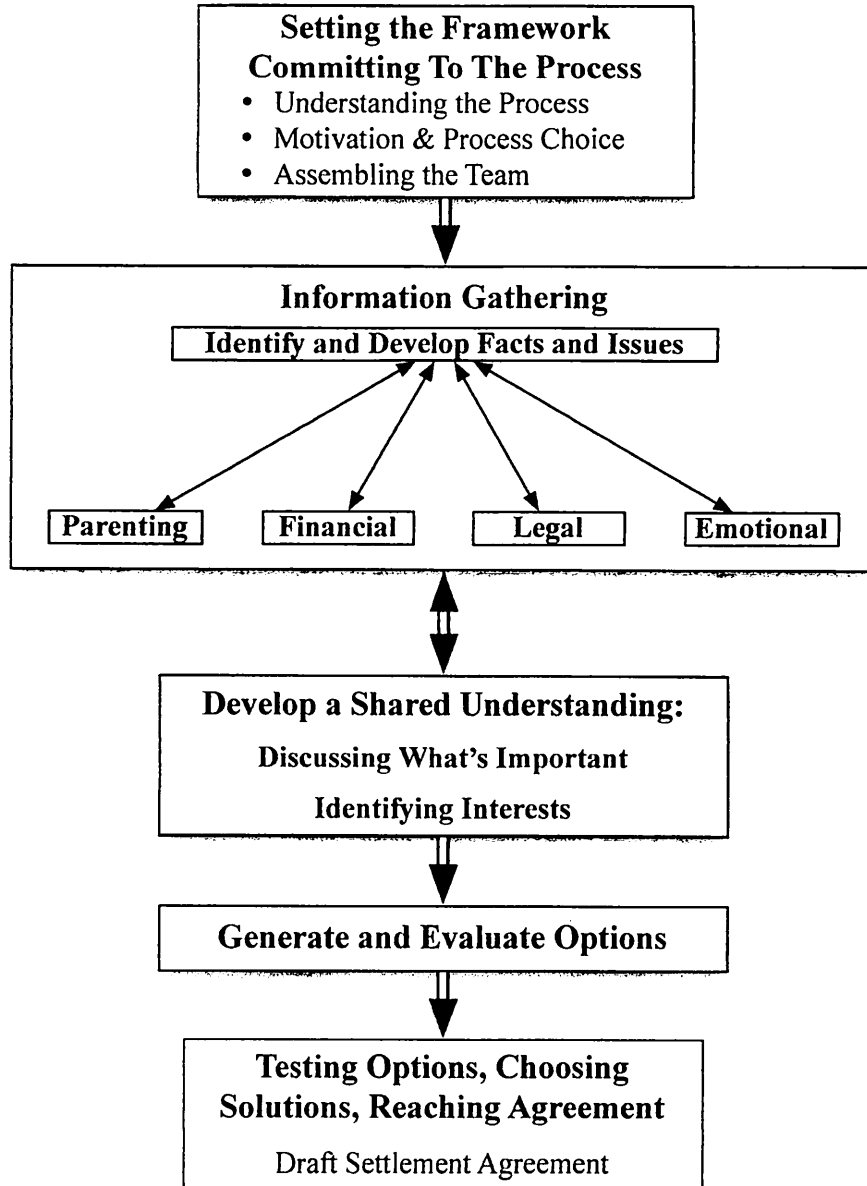
Preparing for trial and
attempting settlement
Simultaneously.

COLLABORATIVE



Continuous process
toward agreement.

Collaborative Process Roadmap





RESOURCES

Alaska Court System:	courts.alaska.gov
Courtview (online case info):	https://records.courts.alaska.gov/eaccess/home.page.2 (Home>Search Cases>Search Trial Court Cases)
Family Law Self-Help Center:	courts.alaska.gov/shc/family/shcstart.htm
Family Law Helpline:	907-264-0851 (7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
Alaska Bar Association:	907-272-0352 alaskabar.org > For The Public> Pro Bono List Unbundled Legal Services, including attny list Lawyer Referral Service
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