

Introduction

Family law litigation can be expensive, protracted and exact a significant emotional toll on the parties involved. Mediation is an effective and efficient way to help resolve these disputes, regardless of whether the parties have commenced litigation.

The Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) has developed a Family Law Mediation Pilot Project to help parties involved in **matrimonial cases** resolve such disputes amicably, and in a faster and cheaper manner.

Mediation can assist couples who are going through divorce or separation resolve complicated issues in the dispute. Such issues may include custody of children, spousal maintenance, division of family assets and other financial matters arising from the breakdown of the relationship.

Objectives

The aims of the SMC Family Law Mediation Pilot Project are to:

- Encourage a constructive and conciliatory approach to the resolution of matrimonial disputes
- Resolve matrimonial disputes in an effective and timely way
- Help maintain long-term family relationships and reduce emotional turmoil for parties
- Ensure that costs are kept affordable for parties

SMC Family Law Mediation

Other than the highly qualified and skilled Principal Mediators on the SMC panel, SMC will be accrediting experienced Family Law Practitioners as SMC Associate Mediators for the Family Law Mediation Pilot Project.

SMC has the resources to spend more time on mediations. SMC mediators will set aside at least one full day to help parties resolve their differences. SMC believes that investing in the time to assist parties will increase the chances of settlement and result in solutions which better satisfy the interests of parties.

About 75% of the cases mediated in SMC result in settlement, and more than 90% of these cases are settled within a day.



Family Law Mediation Scheme and Charges

SMC's usual mediation fees are pegged to the quantum of claim and start from \$900 per party per day. For example, for a disputed quantum between \$1 and \$2.5 million, the fees are \$2,600 per party per day.

Matrimonial cases may involve huge sums due to the family assets (especially the family home) involved. For the Family Law Mediation Pilot Project, SMC is charging a special discounted rate.

**Mediation Fee: \$2000.00 per party per day
(regardless of quantum)
Admin Fee: \$250.00 per party**

With the high chance of settlement, control over the outcome, the savings of cost and time, and without further damage to relationships, mediation is the way to go for matrimonial cases.

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