



RIVERDALE MEDIATION

Confidential Screening Report for Family Arbitration

PART ONE: Information about the screener:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Occupation:

I have the following training in Screening for Power Imbalances and Domestic Violence in Mediation Arbitration:

PART TWO:

I confirm that I have met with _____ on _____ and with _____ on _____ for the purpose of conducting a screening process for power imbalances and domestic violence in (check one):

- Mediation/Arbitration with _____ (name of Arbitrator)
- Arbitration with _____ (name of Arbitrator)

PART THREE:

The following screening recommendations are based on responses to a questionnaire, specific questions asked by me and my assessment, based on my skills and experience, of the information given by each party.

- Yes, Family Arbitration is recommended (provided the Standard Procedures attached hereto apply)
- Only with the following provisions(in addition to the Standard Procedures) is Family Arbitration recommended :

- No, Family Arbitration is not recommended at this time

NOTE:

This report is provided in strict confidence to the Arbitrator alone. It may be used only to determine suitability for arbitration and any procedural requirements for the arbitration. The report is not to be used to decide any issue in arbitration, including credibility of the parties.

Signature of Screener: _____

Date report completed: _____

(This report is not to be provided to counsel or parties, but to the Arbitrator alone.)

STANDARD ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

The following process shall be applied to the conduct of all arbitration hearings:

1. Counsel shall be present for all arbitration hearings.
2. Neither party shall speak to the other party at the hearing, whether before the commencement of the hearing each day, during breaks or following the end of the hearing each day, except with the permission of the other party's lawyer.
3. Both parties will treat each other and opposing counsel with respect throughout the arbitration process and neither party will attempt, directly or indirectly, to intimidate the other party, whether by looks, words or physical proximity.
4. While either party may bring family, friends or new partners to the arbitration hearing, the only people permitted in the hearing room will be the parties, their lawyers, the court reporter (if the parties elect to have the evidence transcribed), the Arbitrator and whatever witness is testifying at that moment.
5. All witnesses, including the parties, will sit directly across from the Arbitrator while testifying.
6. Neither party will speak out loud while a witness is testifying, whether to his/her lawyer, to the Arbitrator, the witness or other party. If a party wishes to comment to his/her lawyer during the testimony of a witness, he/she shall do so by passing notes to his/her lawyer.
7. The Arbitrator may require the parties and their counsel to comply with other procedural requirements such as staggered arrival and departure times, the use of technology such as Skype that would enable the arbitration to take place in separate rooms, the use of screens for the purpose of testifying, etc.