

Aurit Mediation Launches Dedicated Phoenix Service for Divorcing Families

Aurit Mediation gives Phoenix spouses a third option between representing themselves and a contested case.

PHOENIX, AZ, UNITED STATES, August 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Aurit Mediation](#), the Scottsdale-headquartered practice formally known as The Aurit Center for Divorce Mediation, has launched dedicated Phoenix service for spouses who want to settle divorce, parenting, and support terms without a contested court case. Phoenix joins seven Arizona offices the practice already operates. All Phoenix consultations and mediation sessions are held online.



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The launch lands in a court where most people are on their own. In a 2023 announcement, the Maricopa County Superior Court reported that as many as 70 percent or more of all litigants in Family Court proceedings are self-represented, the highest share of any department in the court. The Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County describes itself as the fourth largest trial court system in the nation.

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As many as 70 percent of Maricopa County family court litigants have no attorney. Mediation gives Phoenix spouses a structured way to settle terms before a hearing is scheduled.”

Michael Aurit

Those numbers describe a gap more than a preference. Most Phoenix spouses are not choosing to skip help. They are choosing between a contested case they cannot budget for and a stack of forms nobody trained them to complete. Mediation sits between the two. Both spouses work with one neutral attorney-mediator, decide their own terms, and leave with documents prepared for filing.

Reaching agreement first also changes how the case moves. The Maricopa County Superior

Court Family Department follows a revised procedure under which consent decrees and other stipulated final orders are ruled upon within 21 days of the date they are lodged, and spouses who resolve every issue before filing may qualify for a Summary Consent Decree. Arizona law still sets a 60-day waiting period under A.R.S. § 25-329, measured from the date of service or acceptance of process, before the court will take up the matter.

"Phoenix spouses are rarely asking who wins. They are asking what this costs and how long it takes," said Michael Aurit, co-founder of The Aurit Center for Divorce Mediation. "When 70 percent of the people in that courthouse are handling it alone, the missing piece usually is not a fighter. It is a structured process and someone neutral who knows what the court needs to see."

Aurit Mediation pairs both spouses with a single neutral attorney-mediator across a series of two-hour sessions. By the practice's published estimates, a mediated divorce takes two to four months and costs \$3,000 to \$8,000 in total, against 12 to 18 months and \$15,000 to \$50,000 or more in attorney fees for a contested case. The exact flat fee is quoted during a free consultation, before mediation begins, so both spouses know the cost in advance rather than after.

A mediator is neutral and does not represent either spouse. Each person is free to have the resulting agreement reviewed by their own attorney before signing, and either spouse can end the process at any point. Cost and timeline ranges are estimates based on typical Arizona cases, not a quote for any individual couple.

"Children do not remember how the retirement account was divided. They remember what that year felt like at home," said Karen Aurit, co-founder of The Aurit Center for Divorce Mediation. "When parents build the parenting plan themselves instead of handing it to a judge, they keep



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the ability to talk to each other afterward. That is what co-parenting runs on."

Spouses who want to see the sequence before committing to anything can walk through [how divorce mediation works in Arizona](#), from the first session through the signed agreement.

Phoenix spouses can [schedule a consultation](#) by phone or online. Sessions are held virtually, so no office visit is required.

About Aurit Mediation

Aurit Mediation, formally The Aurit Center for Divorce Mediation, is an Arizona divorce and family mediation practice founded by Karen Aurit and Michael Aurit. The practice helps spouses and co-parents settle divorce-related issues through mediation rather than contested litigation, working from a flat fee quoted before mediation begins and preparing court-ready documents for filing. Mediators are neutral and do not represent either spouse.

Practice areas: divorce mediation, legal separation mediation, parenting plan mediation, child support mediation, spousal support (alimony) mediation, post-decree mediation, and virtual (online) mediation.

Locations: Headquarters at 5425 E Bell Rd, Suite 104, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, with additional Arizona offices in Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Tucson, and Flagstaff. Consultations and mediation sessions are available online throughout Arizona, including Phoenix.

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