

CH Legal Moment Iain Sneddon - What are the advantages of mediation?

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Announcer: And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on 980CFPL.

Announcer: I'm here with Iain Sneddon from Cohen Highley Lawyers. Now people know you as a family law lawyer, but you're also a mediator. What are the advantages of mediation?

Iain Sneddon: Well, most people find mediation less intimidating – it doesn't occur in a court room, it's private with a neutral, third-party mediator and it's often less expensive and you can be more creative, so rather than having a third party judge impose a decision on you, you and your spouse get to come to an agreement that works for both of you.

Announcer: Okay, so why wouldn't everyone do mediation?

Iain Sneddon: There's a number of reasons. The biggest one would be where there's a significant power imbalance; it wouldn't be appropriate because it's felt that the parties can't negotiate with the same level playing field, and in cases where there's been abuse, then mediation would not be appropriate.

Announcer: Thanks Iain. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.

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