

## Legal Moments

### Iain Sneddon - Legal Moment – Mediation versus Litigation – (Nov 2018)

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Receptionist: Cohen Highley

Announcer: And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on The Beat.

Announcer: I'm here with Iain Sneddon from Cohen Highley Lawyers. Now I understand in addition to being a family law practitioner, you are a mediator as well.

Iain Sneddon: That's true. I conduct family law mediations. I was trained in mediation a number of years ago and I kept current with my qualifications.

Announcer: Now why would someone choose mediation over litigation?

Iain Sneddon: First, there is the issue of privacy, so that you get to resolve the family law issues with a spouse on your own terms and with a great deal with flexibility. Whereas in the courtroom, you are letting a judge decide the issue and that judge is bound by certain legislation and rules that you may not agree with.

Announcer: So, there is more flexibility then?

Iain Sneddon: Much more flexibility. You can be more creative in a mediation setting than you could in a courtroom.

Announcer: And is there a different timeframe on mediation versus litigation?

Iain Sneddon: Depending on the availability of the mediator, you can do that immediately, whereas you're looking at often a year before you could have a trial.

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

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