Court mediation

Suitable for small and large differences. Alternative to trial.

Mediation is a flexible and voluntary alternative to litigation in disputes. Mediation may also be requested by means of a direct application for mediation. The parties shall discuss and negotiate an amicable solution with the assistance of an impartial mediator.

Mediation often provides a solution to which all parties can commit themselves. A settlement may also extend beyond the original claims of the parties. The mediator is a judge with expertise in mediation.



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MEDIATION OR TRIAL?

Dispute

Court mediation

Joint problem solving and consensus

Focus on the needs of the parties

The parties agree on the matter themselves

Affordable and fast

The parties shall bear their own costs only

The aim is to end the dispute

If no agreement is reached, the matter can be continued in court

Trial

Confrontation

Focus on norms and rules

Judge tries the case

Often expensive and slow

The losing party may also have to bear the costs of the counterparty

After the judgment, the dispute may continue

A case in court may be referred to mediation



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For more information on mediation, see the website: <u>www.tuomioistuimet.fi/en/</u>