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### How to prepare for divorce mediation

Many family law courts in Texas, including those in the greater Houston area, have adopted a mandatory mediation requirement for divorce in an attempt to resolve issues in dispute without the expense of a trial. Some courts even require the parties to attend mediation prior to a hearing on temporary orders.

Mediation can be quite useful in divorce cases, and offers couples the opportunity to save time, reduce costs, maintain privacy, preserve their dignity, resolve disagreements and if necessary, have better control of their future relationship, especially if minor children are involved. [\(read more\)](#)

Please join us for our next **Guide to Good Divorce seminar** **Sat. Sept. 22, 2018,** **at the Houstonian Hotel** **111 North Post Oak Lane,** **Houston, Texas 77024** **8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



In the above video, Carmen explains how difficult and terrifying it was for her to finally divorce her husband and leave their home country to save herself.



### Guide to Good Divorce Seminars

For seven years, the Guide to Good Divorce program has helped hundreds of women facing divorce. Through quarterly seminars, women at all stages of the divorce process have gained insights and knowledge from experts on divorce law in Texas, divorce financial planning, self-care and wellness.

For the third consecutive year, Guide to Good Divorce founder, Trey Yates, was selected to the [2018 Texas Super Lawyers list](#).

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### Five common myths about divorce finances in Texas

1. Myth: Marital assets are always divided 50/50.

Fact: Texas divorce law does not support the common belief of splitting marital assets 50/50.

The State of Texas requires a "just and equitable" division of property. A 50/50 settlement is rarely appropriate and should never be implemented without expert advice and ideally, using a financial evaluation of the situation by a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst. The division of marital assets in a divorce should take into account the need for one spouse to receive sufficient assets to provide support considering the much higher earnings of the other party.

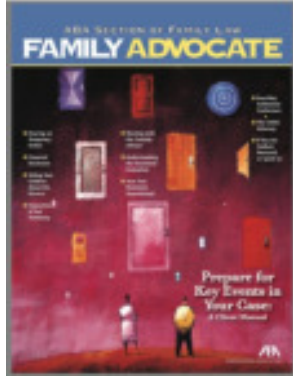
2. Myth: There is no alimony in Texas. [\(Read more\)](#)

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#### Prepare for key events in your case

When couples begin the divorce process, it is common for them to feel overwhelmed, confused, lost

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headed for an unknown destination seemingly out of their control. That is a difficult spot to be in for most competent adults who are accustomed to making their own decisions and dictating their own lives. This manual is published by the American Bar Association Section of Family Law and was written to help those going through divorce to better understand what to expect from the process. Because each participant in a divorce must be fully awake and actively engaged, this manual is designed to enhance the lawyer-client relationship.



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