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Mistakes to Avoid Making When Mediating Divorce

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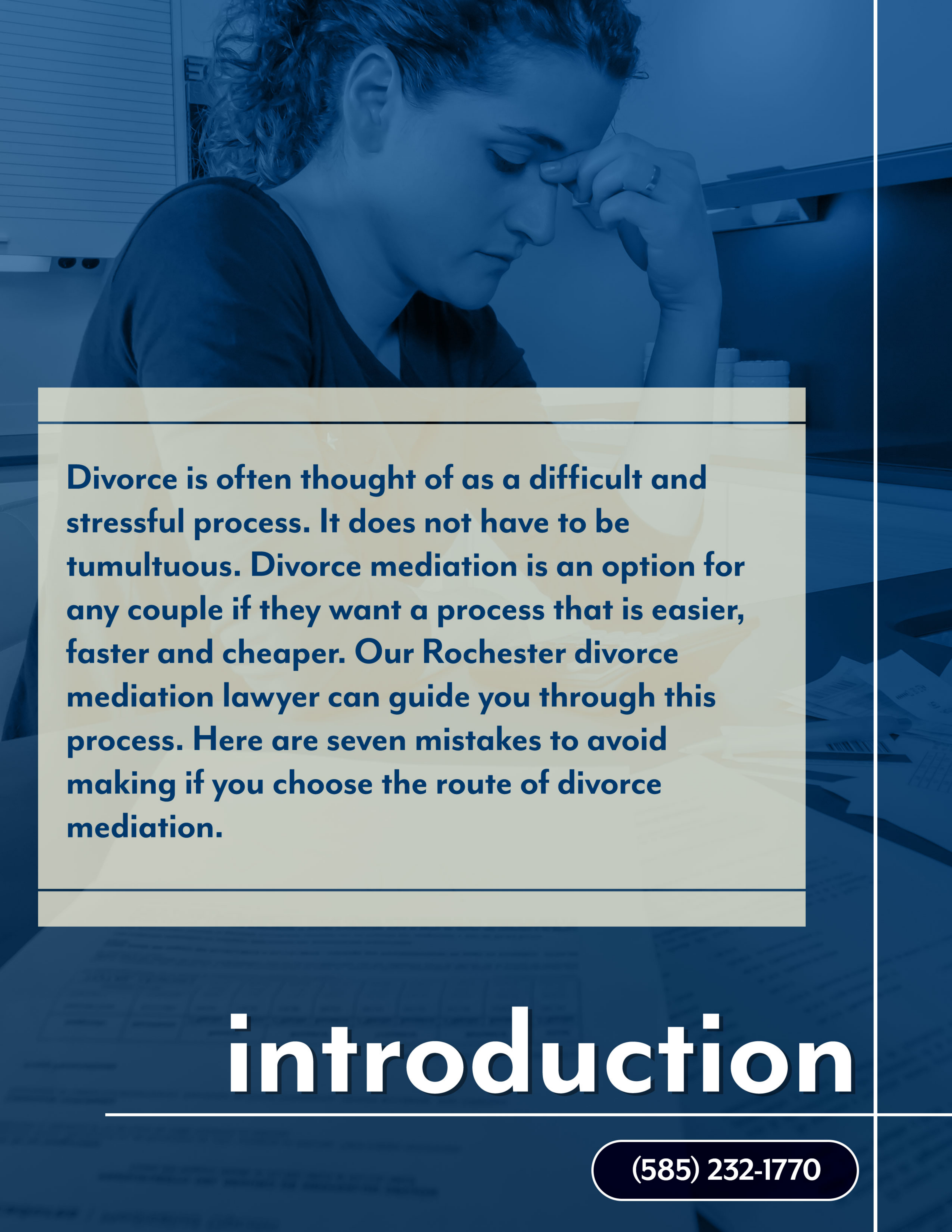
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Divorce is often thought of as a difficult and stressful process. It does not have to be tumultuous. Divorce mediation is an option for any couple if they want a process that is easier, faster and cheaper. Our Rochester divorce mediation lawyer can guide you through this process. Here are seven mistakes to avoid making if you choose the route of divorce mediation.

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1 hiring separate lawyers



This is a mistake because with divorce mediation you do not need two separate lawyers. You and your spouse will work together with our lawyer Michael Schmitt to get the issues you two have resolved. There is no need to hire two lawyers for divorce mediation. That's part of the reason why mediation is cheaper.

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A man and a woman are seated at a table, facing each other in a mediation session. The man is wearing a dark suit and tie, and the woman is wearing a red top. They are both looking at each other with serious expressions. A large blue number '2' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

2 refusing to cooperate with each other

The objective of mediation is to amicably resolve your issues between you and your soon to be ex. If you were refusing to speak to each other and when you sit down in front of your lawyer you refuse to work with each other and cooperate then mediation is not gonna work. You both have to be willing to listen and cooperate with one another if you want divorce mediation to work out for you.

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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, is looking down at a laptop screen. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a window. A large, semi-transparent blue graphic element, resembling a stylized 'Z' or a series of overlapping shapes, is positioned on the left side of the image, partially covering the woman's face and the text.

making agreements outside of mediation

Of course you and your spouse can discuss matters outside of mediation. In fact you should have an idea about what you want and communicate that with your spouse. However if you were making agreements with each other outside of your mediation sessions you cannot expect the other person to uphold those. There's nothing in legal writing about any agreements that are made unofficially so you want to make sure you address any and all issues during your mediation sessions.

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withholding information

Don't lie to your spouse or your lawyer. You are only going to make the process longer and potentially end up in court if you are hiding information. For example if you're trying to hide your finances, that can cause issues that lead to going to court. We want you to avoid this. So be upfront from the very beginning about everything.

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giving up on the process

While mediation is definitely the easier option than litigation in a divorce it still involves some disagreement and you're of course going to have arguments with your soon to be ex but you need to stick with the process if you want to reap the benefits. The alternative is far harder than mediation so stick with the process so you can avoid going to court.

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hiring the wrong lawyer

Not every lawyer is going to be a good mediator. Our Rochester divorce mediation lawyer is knowledgeable and has what it takes to make a smooth, easy and fast divorce mediation process. Just because someone worked on your real estate or your estate planning doesn't mean that they're going to be an excellent divorce mediation lawyer. Hire someone with proven experience.

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A background image showing a man and a woman looking down at a document together. The man is on the right, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, and the woman is on the left, with short blonde hair. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the text overlay.

7 not trying the mediation process

You and your spouse might not even consider mediation for whatever reason but if you want your divorce to be easy on everyone involved and cheaper for you then you should absolutely look into divorce mediation. You might think that you have a lot of issues to work out and you want to fight it in court but you were absolutely capable of settling these issues in front of just one lawyer during mediation. Even the most complex cases with a lot of moving pieces can be resolved through mediation if both parties are willing to try.

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conclusion

If you believe that divorce mediation is right for you and your spouse, please call our Rochester divorce mediation lawyer Michael Schmitt today to set up a consultation. We are here to guide you every step of the way.

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