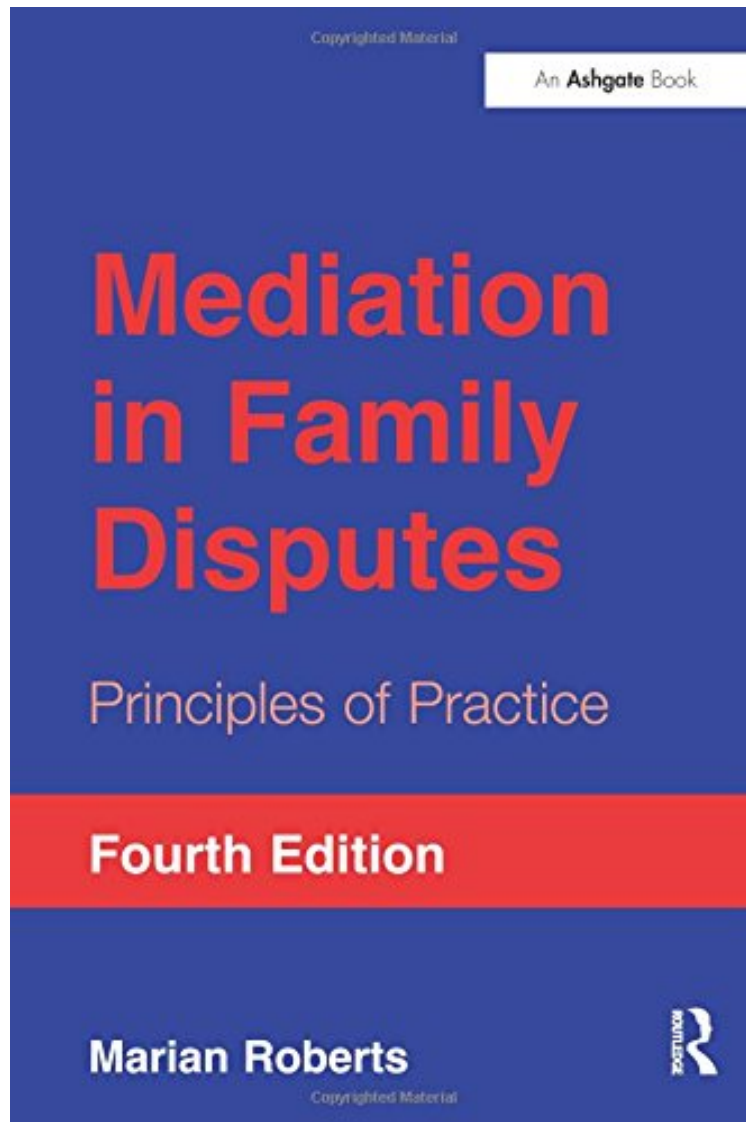


# Mediation in Family Disputes: Principles of Practice

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market dealing in detail with family mediation, most of them extremely useful in a number of respects. This book, however, is acknowledged as the pioneering work in the field. Having gone through four editions since it was first published in 1988, it is regarded as the authoritative work of reference on family mediation. This new fourth edition has been fully updated to include a wide range of new legal and policy developments across the UK and Europe. It is distinguished by its cross-disciplinary approach which encompasses psychology and anthropology, as well as lawyer negotiation in family disputes. The author, Marian Roberts is eminently well qualified in this expanding field, being a social worker as well as a barrister -- unusual, that, and very useful -- who has been in continuous practice as a family mediator since 1982. A visiting fellow at the London School of Economics, she is also a Political Science and Research Associate at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London where she teaches ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) at the graduate level. Mediation, she explains, is defined as a process of joint decision-making in which a third person, the mediator, exercising a non-aligned role, assists those in dispute resolution to negotiate together to reach their own mutually acceptable agreements. The mediation environment, she adds, provides a calm, safe forum for reasonable exchange in which the parties in dispute can talk about what they previously could not talk about on their own, while at the same time retaining their rightful authority and control implicitly respected by the mediator. Essentially, mediation recognizes that the parties in a dispute, no matter how acrimonious, can make their own decisions. The book takes the reader through all pertinent aspects of family mediation, including most importantly, the legal context, which examines such issues as domestic violence and finance and property, as well as decisions of the court and the principles upon which such decisions are based, notably the primacy of the welfare of the child. Other chapters focus on, for example, the mediator mediation strategies when to mediate confidentiality children and the mediation process and much more. Those doing research will also value the extensive bibliography of no less than 18 pages, plus the selective list of cases and table of statutes and statutory instruments. Scholarly and thorough, yet succinct and practical in its approach, this work of reference should be the go-to book for all family lawyers, or indeed anyone contemplating taking a course in mediation strategy and technique. The book certainly provides considerable ammunition for lively discussion and debate on any number of subject areas and issues linked to mediation. The publication date is cited as at July 2014.

This is the authoritative textbook on family mediation. As well as mediators, this work will be indispensable for practitioners and scholars across a wide range of fields, including social work and law. It draws on a wide cross-disciplinary theoretical literature and on the author's extensive and continuing practice experience. It encompasses developments in policy, research and practice in the UK and beyond. Roberts presents mediation as an aid to joint decision-making in the context of a range of family disputes, notably those involving children. Mediation is seen as a process of intervention distinct from legal, social work and therapeutic practice, drawing on a distinctive body of knowledge across disciplinary fields including anthropology, psychology and negotiation theory. Incorporating empirical evidence, the book emphasises the value of mediation in mitigating the harmful effects of family breakdown and conflict. First published in 1988 as a pioneering work, this fourth edition has been fully updated to incorporate legal and policy developments in the UK and in Europe, new sociological and philosophical perspectives on respect, justice and conflict, and international research and practice innovations.

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