

Longworth Law Firm Certified Mediator Credential Offers Couples an Alternative to Litigation

Houston, Texas Oct 5, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Longworth Law Firm is offering Harris County couples a way through [divorce](#) that doesn't start with a courtroom date. Attorney [Daryl Longworth](#) holds the Certified Mediator (CM) credential from the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, earned in 2019, and applies that training directly to divorce and family law cases across the Houston area.

Mediation places both spouses at the same table with a neutral mediator instead of in front of a judge who meets them for the first time at trial. For couples who can still exchange a few civil sentences, the process typically moves faster than litigation, costs less, and gives both sides a say in the outcome rather than leaving it to a stranger on the bench.

"A courtroom turns two people who once built a life together into opponents," said Daryl Longworth, attorney at Longworth Law Firm. "Mediation gives them a conference table instead of a witness stand. The credential formalizes what I already do with clients: keep the conversation productive enough to reach an agreement both people can live with."

Before founding Longworth Law Firm in 2011, Longworth spent 28 years as a Houston Police Lieutenant, work that put him in the middle of high-conflict disputes on a near-daily basis. He has practiced family law for more than 15 years and holds an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

What Texas Divorce Mediation Can Resolve

Longworth Law Firm uses mediation to help couples reach an agreement on issues that tend to end up in front of a judge, including:

- Division of marital property and debt;
- Child custody and conservatorship terms;
- Parenting schedules and holiday time;
- Spousal maintenance amounts and duration;
- Modifications to an existing custody or support order.

Once both spouses sign a mediated settlement agreement, it becomes part of the final divorce decree, and neither side has to testify at a contested hearing over the terms it covers.

Mediation Cuts Divorce Costs and Court Time

Litigation can stretch across months of hearings, discovery requests, and legal fees on both sides. Mediation compresses that same ground into a handful of sessions, and both spouses keep a direct hand in the result instead of waiting on a ruling. That control matters most in cases involving children, where a mediated parenting plan can reflect a family's actual routine rather than a standard court template.

Mediation is not a fit for every case. Situations involving domestic violence, hidden assets, or a spouse who will not negotiate in good faith may still call for litigation, and Longworth Law Firm reviews each case individually before recommending a direction.

Direct Access to a Houston Divorce Attorney

Every client at Longworth Law Firm works directly with Attorney Daryl Longworth from the first consultation through the final decree, in mediation or in court. The firm has served Harris County families since 2011 and now extends that same direct access virtually to clients in Fort Bend, Waller, Wharton, Galveston, Brazoria, Austin, and Montgomery counties.

About Longworth Law Firm

Founded in 2011, Longworth Law Firm is a Houston-based family law practice led by Attorney Daryl Longworth, a Certified Mediator (CM) credentialed by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association and a 28-year veteran Houston Police Lieutenant. The firm handles divorce, child custody, property division, spousal maintenance, and related family law matters for clients throughout Harris County and the surrounding region, and holds an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

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