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## Joint Sessions



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I'd like to express some thoughts about gathering together in mediation. In an article I co-wrote with my ADR Services colleague Daniel Ben-Zvi, we share our combined experiences about the many ways that mediation participants can collaborate before and during the mediation session:

- Private meetings with the mediator
- A meeting with attorneys and the mediator only
- A meet and greet session with all hands then split into separate rooms
- The mediator working with just two family members who need a moment to clear the air and share some things with each other

There isn't just one way to meet in mediation. Our article, [Joint Sessions – Another Arrow in the Attorney's Quiver](#), provides examples of how attorney advocates and the mediator can design various ways for mediation participants to interact, enhancing the opportunities for resolution. Designing joint session interactions is a powerful tool, or “another arrow in the attorney's quiver!”

With that ... may ALL of your mediation gatherings be fruitful and productive.

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