



Vincent J. Poppiti, Esq.

Vincent has more than 30 years of extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution. He has served in various capacities in Delaware courts: former chief judge of the Family Court of Delaware, former resident judge of the New Castle County Superior Court and former associate judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.

Vincent also serves as an arbitrator, mediator and neutral assessor for the Superior Court of Delaware, a mediator for the Delaware Court of Chancery and a mediator and arbitrator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

He serves as Special Master to the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware in numerous intellectual property, antitrust and patent law matters and has served as Special Master Liason from 2004 to 2011.

Vincent currently serves as chair of the Violence Against Women Act Implementation Committee and co-chair of the Fatal Incident Review Team of the State of Delaware.



Leslie B. Spoltore, Esq.

Leslie is a Certified Superior Court Mediator. She is experienced in family law matters, including divorce, termination of civil unions, adoptions, custody and guardianship, pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, property divisions (including the valuation of closely held businesses), child support and alimony.

Leslie previously served as the Director of Legal Affairs for the Family Court of the State of Delaware, where she conducted temporary contact and divorce hearings, provided counsel to the Chief Judge and Court Administrator, drafted Family Court rules of civil and criminal procedure and drafted legislation.

Leslie is a frequent lecturer on various family law topics and is on the Board for Delaware Futures.

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**OUT OF COURT
SOLUTIONS TO YOUR
FAMILY LAW MATTERS**

Arbitration, mediation and neutral assessment are alternatives to litigation that can efficiently, effectively and expeditiously resolve even the most complicated of family law disputes — out of court.



Family dynamics, emotions, assets and frequently children are involved in family law matters. Add a courtroom to the mix, and stress on all parties escalates.

In today's challenging economic climate, many individuals are searching for less contentious - and more cost-effective - methods to resolve their family law disputes.

At Fox Rothschild, we, along with a team of other professionals, offer alternatives to litigation that can efficiently, effectively and expeditiously resolve even the most complicated of family law disputes - out of court.

These services are provided by a team lead by Vincent Poppiti and Leslie Spoltore, two seasoned attorneys at the firm with extensive experience in successful alternative dispute resolution of family law matters in Delaware. Other non-lawyer members may complete the team selected by the parties based on the type of matter and issues presented. These may include members of the mental health and counseling profession, as well as certified public accountants, and business and real estate appraisers and valuers.

WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES WE OFFER?

- **Neutral Case Assessment**

An experienced neutral assessor gives a non-binding, reasoned oral or written evaluation of a controversy, on its merits, to the parties. The neutral assessor may use mediation and/or arbitration techniques to aid the parties in reaching a settlement.

- **Mediation**

A mediator facilitates the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of a controversy. It includes all contacts between the mediator and any party or parties until a resolution is agreed to, the parties discharge the mediator, or the mediator determines that the parties cannot agree.

- **Arbitration**

A neutral arbitrator hears both sides of a controversy and renders a fair decision based on the facts and the law. If the parties stipulate in writing that the decision shall be binding, the case is removed from the court's docket.

Alternate Dispute Resolution, regardless of its form, is just that - an alternative to the court process.

Alternative dispute resolution, in all of its forms, offers many benefits:

- Parties have greater control over deadlines when working with a neutral decision maker of their choice outside the court process.
- An opportunity to explore innovative resolutions restricted only by the parties' creativity.
- Control over deadlines throughout the process potentially helps parties save both time and money.