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### MEDIATION

Lidchi, V. G. (2003) When can mediation contribute? An application to therapy. *ANZJFT* 24 (2), 102-108.

This article discusses the relationship between systemic therapy and mediation. Concepts and techniques drawn from facilitative problem-solving mediation are described in terms of their usefulness in understanding and intervening in certain types of conflict that emerge in systemic work. Their use is illustrated with a case example.

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Gale, J.; Mowery, R.; Herman, M, & Hollett, N. (2002) Considering effective divorce mediation – three potential factors. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, 19 (4), 389-420.

An exploratory, qualitative study was performed to examine mediator effect by employing a repeated measures research design in which the study videotaped mediators working with actors and a scripted divorce case scenario. What factors distinguished higher-rated mediators from lower-rated ones? Discourse analysis of four divorce mediations suggested three significant factors of influence that function interactively and affect both mediation outcome and process. Ethical implications regarding how mediators achieve success in these three domains are discussed. This article presents implications for researchers, trainers and practitioners: it suggests important future directions with non-simulated mediation.

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Crawford, S.H.; Debney, L.; Filner, J.M. & Maida, P.R. (2003) From determining capacity to facilitating competencies – a new framework for mediation. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, 20 (4), 385-401.

What should mediators do if they suspect that disputants do not have the capacity to enter into the mediation process? Some argue that mediators can and should determine capacity. This article argues that when mediators determine capacity this limits disputant civil rights, reduces mediator effectiveness, and erodes fundamental principles of mediation.

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