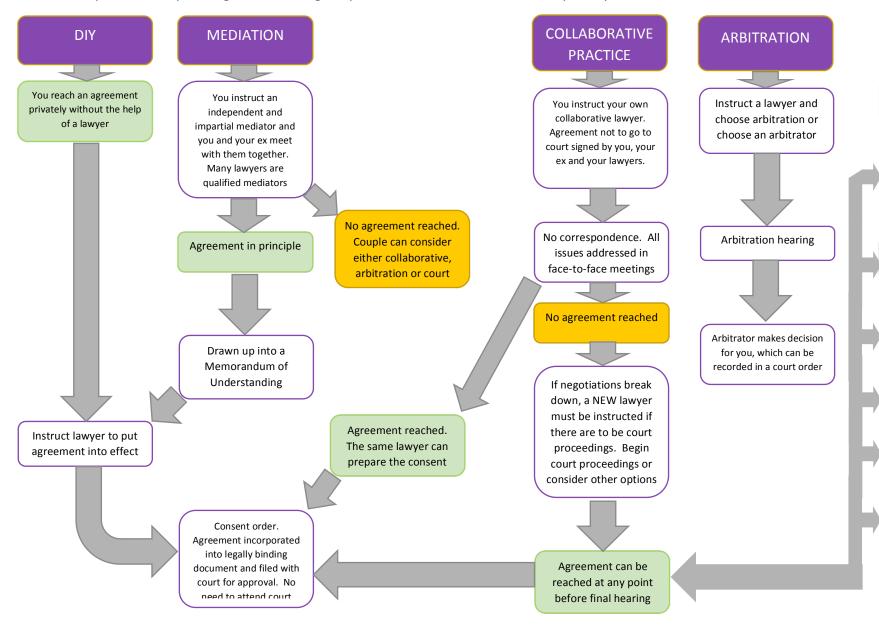
Outline of options for separating and divorcing couples. Children's needs will underpin any outcome.



## **COURT**

Instruct a lawyer and take advice. Exchange financial information

Attempt to negotiate settlement.

Alternatively, your lawyer may move to the next step straight away

Attend MIAMSs meeting to explore non-court options

File a court application and receive a timetable. Negotiation continues.

12-16 weeks: formal disclosure of information between lawyers

First court appointment

Financial Dispute Resolution.

Court encourages negotiations to resolve financial issues.

Final hearing. You and your ex attend and give evidence.

Judge makes final decision for you which is recorded in a court order