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9. Every case has to be contentious and litigated through the court.

Not every case begins in court. Some married individuals mutually recognize the termination of their marriage and work together to resolve all their issues. Many pilot programs are geared towards collaborative law, focusing the parties towards mutually resolving their issues outside the courtroom. Some situations are inappropriate for mediation techniques, such as marriages involving domestic violence. Other cases require the judge's input as to certain assets. That being said, so long as both parties maintain a civil demeanor, the process does not need to be drawn out and litigious.

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