

**TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE**  
**DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**§ 1937. Mediation in Cases Involving Domestic or Family Violence.**

(a) In a proceeding concerning the custody or visitation of a child, if an order for protection is in effect the court shall not order mediation or refer either party to mediation except upon consent of the parties.

(b) In a proceeding concerning the custody or visitation of a child, if there is an allegation of domestic or family violence and an order for protection is not in effect, the Court may order mediation or refer either party to mediation only if:

(1) Mediation is agreed upon by both parties;

(2) Mediation is provided by either a certified mediator who is trained in dealing with domestic and family violence or by a member of the community who is traditionally acknowledged to be qualified to perform such a role; and

(3) The victim is permitted to have in attendance at mediation a supporting person of his or her choice, including but not limited to an attorney or advocate.

**Source:** PL 12-19, § 2 (307).