



An Update from the Walny Legal Group March 2015

Walny Legal Launches Estate and Probate Mediation Service

Walny Legal Group has launched one of the state's only estate and probate mediation services registered with the Wisconsin Association of Mediators. The new service offers a much needed alternative to litigating the growing number of trust, estate and probate disputes and is designed to keep clients out of court, reduce legal costs and preserve family relationships.

Routinely used in divorce and custody conflicts, mediation is ideally suited for estate and probate disputes in which complex family issues and emotions can dominate. Nationwide, we're seeing an increase in the number and intensity of trust and estate disputes due to several factors: baby boomers having started to transfer their wealth to heirs; blended and non-traditional families are changing family dynamics; and inevitable mistakes are resulting from the rise of do-it-yourself legal website and software plans.

Such legal challenges and family disputes are costly. Initial paperwork and discovery alone can potentially cost tens of thousands of dollars, according to Walny. Mediation provides individuals the opportunity to avoid expensive litigation and resolve disputes confidentially on their own terms rather than at the mercy of the crowded court system. Additionally, mediation offers a broader range of solutions. Unlike litigation, in which the law limits the remedies available to a judge to resolve a dispute, mediation can address the non-legal and other practical issues that may be at the root of the conflict.

With extensive experience, including family mediation services and court-appointed mediation, our firm is uniquely qualified to act as neutral mediators in estate and probate disputes. The judicial system, too, can benefit from mediation services that can help alleviate crowded legal dockets where quarreling parties take up significant court time.

You can learn more about the process and benefits of mediation to resolve estate and probate conflicts at our website [here](#).

Additionally, WUWM-FM's public affairs program Lake Effect recently broadcasted a segment on mediation featuring Eido Walny. [You can listen here](#).

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Magazine Honors Eido Walny with "Wealth Advisors With Heart" Award

Eido Walny was one of five advisors nationwide honored and profiled in the October special edition issue of *Trust & Estates* magazine devoted to charitable giving. Editor Susan Lipp wrote in her opening column, "We've honored five advisors who've taken that extra step by becoming personally involved in philanthropic endeavors, by awarding them our "Wealth Advisors With Heart" award." You can read Eido's profile [here](#).

New Attorney Brings Expertise in Elder and Family Law

Megann Hendrix joined the firm in late 2014 bringing an expertise in elder and family law, in addition to estate planning. Megann has also played an integral role in the launch of our new mediation service.



Megann is on the Board of Directors for the State Bar Family Law Section and on the Board of Directors for the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin. Learn more about how Megann can assist our clients [here](#).