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San Diego Family Courts and Professionals are trained and paid to resolve family disputes efficiently. They rarely do. Why?

Courts, attorneys, and service providers are ineffective in assisting families in transition. In fact, they *encourage* conflict and expense that harms litigants, their children, and your community.

Reducing conflict may seem impossible. But with a few *readily available and free alternatives*, you can make a difference. Here's the truth you won't hear from tonight's panel by the litigants whom you failed to invite.

If the only tool you
have is a hammer,
every problem
looks like a nail.
~Abraham Maslow

You were hired to assist litigants in efficiently transitioning through a family dissolution.

Litigants come to you hurt, angry, and fearful about an uncertain future for the most important things in their lives: their children, family, and financial security. Unmanaged, that uncertainty and fear leads to conflict.

Your duty to your client and community is to end conflict, end fear, and let them move on.

Yet Family Courts presently offer few tools to calm emotions, while providing abundant tools to make them even more destructive. Courts and evaluators sit in passive judgment, yet rarely render guidance. Evaluators are *scientifically incapable* of identifying the "better" parent—yet earn millions from desperate parents by pretending they can. Attorneys rarely end conflict, but regularly use courts to *encourage* litigation, *absorb* resources, and *harm their clients, children, and community*.

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You Can Help

Readily-Available,
Free Alternatives to
Conflict That You Can
Implement Today

1. **Change Your Attitude:** You don't work in a sterile Court of Appeals. You work in people's lives. Divorce hurts. Families in transition need healing and support—not sharp advocacy, endless services, and harsh judgment. Give compassion in their crisis.

2. **Change Your Procedures:** Easy OSCs and unpredictable outcomes *encourage* litigation, *drive* costs, *increase* conflict, and *facilitate* abuse. Give restraint and predictability.

3. **Change Your Resources:** Books in a waiting room are useless. Free, easy resources like www.uptoparents.org focus parents on working together in promoting their child's best interests independently. Give education and direction to establish long-term peace.

4. **Change Peoples' Lives:** Years after divorce, *both* parents will say "it's a cesspool benefiting attorneys, evaluators, and courts, but *immeasurably harmed me and my children*." In other words, *you're not doing your job*. At the end of your career, will you be able to say "I helped to prevent that harm and to achieve peace and prosperity for my community, clients, and their families?"

We will. Join us.