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- **Verify, validate or review** any of your documents;
- **Provide any legal advice**, whether regarding your chances of success, the strategy you should adopt, or any other aspects related to your file.

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Subject: Invitation to family mediation

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I am writing to invite you to participate in a family mediation to come to an agreement on the following subjects:

- Parenting time (child custody and access rights)
- Child support payments
- Financial support for ex-spouses (alimony)
- Communication between parents
- Division of property
- Other : _____

What is family mediation

Family mediation is conceived for people like us. It puts the accent on our needs and interests. It is a voluntary process funded by the Ministry of Justice. Couples like us are allowed five (5) free hours of mediation.

By participating in mediation, we can limit the cost and time required to come to a mutual agreement on the matters we currently disagree on.

The mediation process itself is led by a neutral individual designated as the mediator. Their objective is to allow parents to communicate freely their needs and facilitate the progress of a negotiation, while always keeping in mind the child's best interest. The mediator remains impartial and never takes position for either of the parents through every step of the mediation. Their role is to help the parents find their own solution that can suit them both.

A survey conducted in 2017 revealed that **eight out of ten parents who participated in family mediation came to an agreement and were satisfied by the services offered.** A wide majority found the process to be both simple and focused on the needs of both them and their children. They also felt like this process allowed them to express their opinion.

For more information on mediation
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The *Centres de justice de proximité* offer a **free and confidential service of premediation**. A lawyer or notary at one of these Centers can:

- Provide you more information on mediation itself
- Help you evaluate if mediation is right for you
- Provide you with legal information on your current situation
- Prepare you for mediation, for example in helping you explore your needs, interests and objectives

If premediation interests you, you can contact your local *Centre de justice de proximité* by calling **1 844 522 6900**.

Three potential mediators

If you share my objective of saving time and money, I suggest you first take an appointment with a *Centre de justice de proximité*. If you should then want to go through with mediation, I would suggest one of the three following professionals:

Name	Professional title	Phone #	Address

Please inform me of your agreement to participate in mediation and your availabilities so that we can move ahead with one of the preceding mediators, or with another one of your choosing.

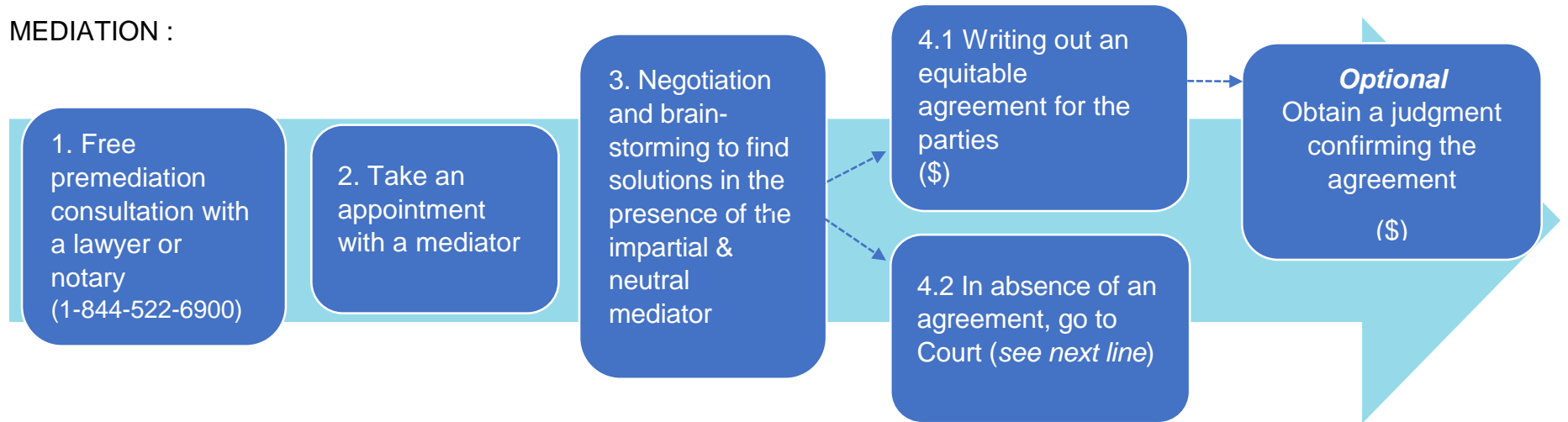
I would kindly request that you get back to me with your preferences within a short delay.

Thank you for your consideration,

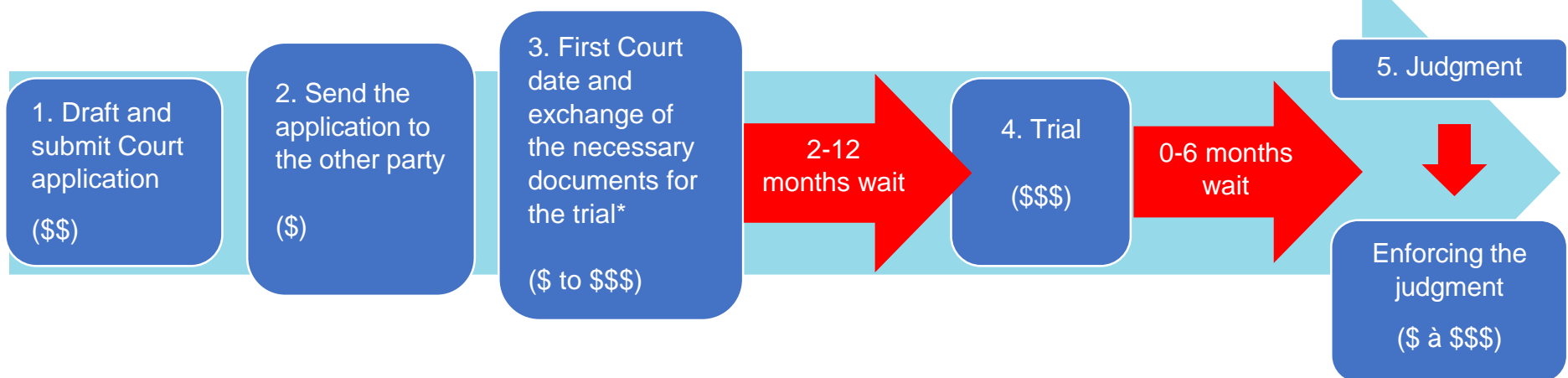
Contact information : _____

Steps to the DIFFERENT procedures (and related costs)

MEDIATION :



COURT PROCEDURE:



* In case of an emergency, a safeguard measure can be taken. If the parties are not ready to book a trial date, a postponement will be necessary. The more the postponements, the costlier the proceedings.