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The option to avail oneself of an informal trial, or any kind of adversarial process in family law, is not an option the minute an individual with money, and little understanding of the law hires a member of the family law bar. Family lawyers in this state have too much latitude to blow up non-adversarial cases to earn fees.

Mediation should be mandatory in all cases, except where domestic violence or severe danger to a party is involved. No trials. No huge pay days for the family law bar. The membership of the bar and their motivation to make a payday off struggling families is the real problem here.