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Parenting Time Expeditor, Parenting Consultant
 Guardian and Litem, Real Estate Arbitration,
 Supreme Court Neutral, 114, Divorce Mediation

PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR VS. PARENTING CONSULTANT

ISSUE	PARENTING CONSULTANT ¹	PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR ²
Determine Child Support	NO	NO
Clarify and interpret parenting time schedule	YES	YES
Make minor modifications to parenting time schedule	YES	YES (but not in direct conflict with court order unless there is a change in circumstances.
Make major modifications to parenting time schedule	YES (as allowed by the court order)	NO (unless there is a significant change in circumstances.
Modify legal custody	NO	NO
Modify physical custody	NO	NO
Determine evaluation and treatment for the children	YES	NO
Make a school choice	YES	NO
Decide extracurricular activities	YES	NO
Consult with treating professionals ³	YES	YES
Allocate children's expenses between the parties (not child support)	YES	NO
Determine reimbursement of children's expenses	YES	NO
Develop Parenting Plan	YES	NO
Proactive involvement with potential conflict	YES	NO
Clothing (and other children's items) expeditor	YES	NO
Able to memorialize agreements outside of the scope of authority	YES	YES
Involvement in issues, outside the scope of authority, upon written agreement of the parties	YES	YES

¹ This assumes that the order grants this authority to the Parenting Consultant.

² Absent the parties' agreement to the contrary

³ With appropriate authorizations

ISSUE	PARENTING CONSULTANT	PARENTING TIME EXPEDITOR
Set guidelines for communication with parents, children, and PC or PTE	YES	YES
Send reports directly to court (written or oral) rather than to the parties	NO	NO
Determine compensatory parenting time	YES	YES
Allocate PC's or PTE's fees between the parties, based on behaviors	YES	NO
Impose sanctions other than compensatory parenting time or allocation of PC's or PTE's fees) ⁴	YES	NO
Decide issues with input from only one party	YES	YES
Grant access to non-parents	NO	NO
Mandatory reporter of child abuse	DEPENDS ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSE	YES
Release PC's or PTE's records to parties, their attorneys or the court (not including re-release of medical records)	YES	NO

Chart created by Family Law Institute

⁴ As a practical matter, neither PC's nor PTE's can effectively enforce orders, decisions or agreements.