LEGAL EDUCATOR'S COLLOQUIUM: THE INTERFACE BETWEEN NEGOTIATION THEORY AND MEDIATION PRACTICE

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A QUICK TRUE/FALSE QUIZ

Question 1	It is critical to the success of your mediation to have the parties brainstorm as many options as possible before deciding on the "solution."	True	False
Question 2	The parties (i.e., clients) need to tell their stories in joint session for mediation to succeed.	True	False
Question 3	If the parties make their proposals for resolution directly to each other, the mediation has a better chance of success.	True	False
Question 4	When parties are ready to put a "number" into the negotiation, it is best to help them start with a number you think might be somewhat acceptable to the other side.	True	False
Question 5	The mediator will have a hard time convincing the party who thinks she has a 50-50 chance of winning \$400,000 at trial to take a \$200,000 offer.	True	False
Question 6	Mediators often need to bring parties down a peg to get cases settled.	True	False
Question 7	The mediator should strive to have the parties "like" him or her.	True	False
Question 8	The parties should have control over when a mediation ends.	True	False

- Question 9 Mediators should accurately and honestly transmit offers
 and counteroffers back and forth between the parties in
 caucus.

 Guestion 10 Mediators need to let the parties vent their emotions if they

 True False
- Question 11 Mediators are neutral. Thus they should not express their views on the goal of a mediation or on the process to be

are to be successful in moving the parties towards problem-

solving.

used.

Question 12 Mediators should ignore lawyers and talk directly to the Clients in the mediation session.

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