My husband (now deceased) and I were both professional people and we had two children when our relationship deteriorated to the point that we could no longer live together.

At the time, we raised cattle on our land, which has a large heritage home on it. Rather than spend our time and money fighting each other through lawyers, we agreed to have Mr. Hanson mediate for us to come to a settlement of our property and other rights arising from our marriage and our dependent children.

With the agreement that resulted, we were able to keep the tax benefits of continuing to operating our business together. We divided our land so that I could keep the existing home, while my husband built a new home on his portion of the land.

My husband continued to trust me and have me as Executrix of his will, until he died.