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[Abstract text max 150 words] Family inheritance disputes are on the rise across England and Wales and mediation is starting to play an increasingly important role in resolving and preventing them. These conflicts are often driven by complex family dynamics, deep-rooted family tensions, strong emotion, and strained communication. This article seeks to define family inheritance mediation as a distinctive specialist field of mediation. It is based on the author's experience and reflections and is informed by a family mediation perspective. It will consider what a family inheritance mediation model might look like and how it could address differing perceptions of fairness, equality, and entitlement among family members, which frequently lie at the heart of these disputes. The paper will argue that further empirical research is needed to inform additional specialist training, appropriate mediator support and choice of practice models, to enable family inheritance mediation to become a sustainable and established area of practice.

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