

A different way to divorce.



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BETTER AND NEW WAYS TO GO THROUGH DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ISSUES

Isn't there a better way to deal with divorce and family law problems than going to court? Yes! Collaborative Practice is a new option for divorcing couples to resolve disputes respectfully and equitably without going to court. The goal of collaborative practice is to help divorcing and separating couples to focus on their most important goals, especially children, throughout the divorce process. The end result is a more efficient, targeted and productive way to resolve disputes. Instead of costly court battles, Collaborative Practice promotes respect and keeps parents/spouses in control of the process, not judges. It addresses each person's unique concerns and because clients agree not to go to court, the process is more open and less adversarial. Instead of the win-lose court setting, the entire collaborative team ensures that both spouses work with each other, not against each other, towards mutually beneficial solutions for critical issues.

How is it Better than the Court Process?

- People have the benefit of utilizing specialists who leverage their areas of expertise to address children's needs and the emotional and financial aspects of divorce
- Creates a safe environment for both parties without the threat of court
- Provides a structure for communication that considers each person's needs
- Shares information that allows good decisions to be made
- Focuses on a creative and respectful approach that helps clients reach a mutually agreeable settlement.

Who is Collaborative Practice for?

- People going through a divorce who want a civilized, respectful resolution of the issues and are willing to focus on solutions
- People who want to maintain a productive working relationship with their (ex) spouses
- People who will be co-parenting and want to keep children's interests at the forefront
- People who want to control decision-making over child-rearing and/or financial arrangements rather than turning it over to a stranger (judge)
- People who place as much or more value on the relationship that will exist in the restructured family as on obtaining maximum resources