

WHAT IS COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE?

The collaborative practice is a different approach to divorce focused on mutual agreements instead of court battles. Both spouses/partners agree to settle issues collaboratively without a judge. Process begins with hiring lawyers trained in Collaborative Law. All parties sign an agreement to resolve issues non-adversarially and stay out of court.

Why Consider Collaborative Practice?

Avoid Adversarial Battles:

- The traditional legal system often escalates conflict and emotional stress.
- Collaborative Practice includes support systems and professionals to maintain dignity and respect during divorce.

Focus on Settlement:

- Traditional divorce prepares for trial, yet only 2% of cases go to court.
- Collaborative Process assumes the high likelihood of settlement (98%) and prioritizes negotiation over litigation.

Solution-Oriented Approach:

- Focuses on finding “win-win” solutions that benefit both partners and the family.
- Emphasizes meeting financial and emotional needs over maximizing individual gains.

Integrity and Respect:

- Collaborative professionals work with integrity, fostering cooperation and mutual respect.
- Prioritizes the best interests of the entire family, especially where children are involved.

Preserves Relationships:

- Recognizes that obligations and relationships often continue after divorce.
- Aims to create a peaceful, cooperative future for the family, particularly when co-parenting.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit our website at www.FamilyResolutions.us or the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) at www.CollaborativePractice.com.
- Call or text us to learn more at our direct line for either location: 269.428.3447 or via email at assistant@familyresolution.us. We look forward to working with you to help you achieve a Collaborative family transition.