

The Conventional Divorce Process Often Leaves Families Financially and Emotionally Devastated



Collaborative Practice Divorce is an advanced, interdisciplinary, no-court team approach for resolving divorce disputes. Each party is represented by a specially-trained, experienced family law attorney who provides essential legal advice and advocacy during the negotiations. Both attorneys pledge in writing to guide their clients toward reasonable resolution for the benefit of all involved, but *without* the intervention of the court process.



Each case is distinct -- most will involve collaboratively - trained mental health "coaches" to assist each of the parties separately to address the emotional issues surrounding the divorce.

In most cases, the parties will jointly enlist the services of a financial specialist to divide their assets. Such division is accomplished with an eye toward the economic well being of both of them. If children are involved and need assistance, a child specialist will become a team member.

Collaborative Divorce Participants Agree To:

- Learn about the various process choices available to obtain a divorce in the State of Nebraska, which are...



- ❖ Pro Se
- ❖ Mediation
- ❖ Adversarial Litigation
- ❖ Collaborative Practice

- Sign the Participation Agreement.
- Act in good faith.
- Provide full & complete financial disclosure.
- Participate in joint settlement conferences convenient to everyone's schedule.
- Use dispute resolution methods recognized in the State of Nebraska.
- Not act unilaterally or involve the court process.
- Retain litigation attorneys, if the collaborative process terminates.

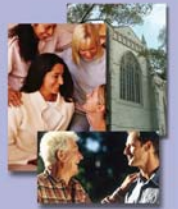


Why Choose Collaborative Divorce?

Divorce will always be a stressful life event. Ending a marriage can be painful, especially when children are involved and lifelong responsibilities remain. Many married people have spent the majority of their adult lives together, but divorce need not sever ties or other relationships.



Divorced spouses can still attend the same church, retain the same friends and maintain relationships with inlaws.



If you've reached a decision about divorce, and, if it is inevitable, you need to know that the Collaborative Practice Model is designed to help you and your spouse move forward with your new lives. It will enable you to reach a workable settlement that seeks to preserve the long-term interests of your entire family.

**Never Cut
What Can Be
Untied**

-Chinese Proverb





THE COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE TEAM

All members of Collaborative Divorce Team have the following traits in common... They are trained in Mediation and in the Collaborative Process...and they are required to continually upgrade their collaborative skills.

Individually, they maintain these professional standards...

COLLABORATIVE LAWYERS:

- Members in good standing in the Nebraska State Bar Association.
- Experienced in family law matters.

COLLABORATIVE COACHES:

- Mental Health Professionals licensed in the State of Nebraska, experienced in family systems theory and with challenges of restructuring families after separation.
- Child Specialists: Licensed mental health professionals with experience in child development and an in-depth understanding of children's unique issues in divorce.

COLLABORATIVE FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS:

Professional license or designation in good standing in one of the following:

- CPA Certified Public Accountant
- CFP Certified Financial Planner
- CA Chartered Accountant
- CMA Certified Management Accountant
- ChFc Chartered Financial Consultant

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

For answers to these and other frequently asked questions visit www.collaborativepracticeNE.com

- *For whom is collaborative practice a good idea?*
- *With more professionals involved, won't it cost more?*
- *What is the difference between collaborative practice and mediation?*
- *Is collaborative practice a faster way to get a divorce?*
- *How can I get my spouse to commit to the collaborative practice process?*

COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE WORKS

For a list of Collaborative Professionals, please visit the Nebraska "Academy of Collaborative Professionals" Web site at www.collaborativepracticeNE.com or call 402-991-3424.

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If divorce is inevitable, do it with respect and dignity...

- Parties pledge in writing to resolve their issues without court intervention.
- Privacy is paramount. There are no court filings other than the original Petition and final Decree.
- Jointly retained experts give non-adversarial information to both parties.
- Focus is on the positive rather than the negative.
- Parties control the process, the time and the costs.
- Your family stays out of court.
- Settlement is the sole agenda.

*Keep your family
out of court.*

*Keep your personal
life private.*