



# PEACEFUL FAMILY LAW

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## ***Is Collaborative Law Right for You? Answer These 15 Simple Questions to Find Out NOW!***

Collaborative Practice is a voluntary dispute resolution process in which parties settle without resort to litigation. Is Collaborative Law right for your case?

1. I am prepared to pay an attorney to give me legal advice about the situation I am facing.
2. When I retain a lawyer, I want to know how much to expect to pay.
3. I do not want to write a “blank check” for legal services.
4. I can be in the same room with the person I’m in conflict with. There are no safety concerns, like orders of protection or injunctions against harassment.
5. I am willing to voluntarily disclose all information relevant to my case. Based on my experience, I am confident the other person will adhere to the “full disclosure” requirement.
6. I will use good faith to negotiate. I think the other person will use good faith to negotiate too.
7. Even though we will use good faith to negotiate, I expect there will be impasses and disagreements along the way.
8. If we can’t get past the impasses or disagreements, we will both be able to understand that means we may go to court. If we go to court, we can’t use our Collaborative Law attorneys’ services.

9. We both can agree to use professionals we jointly retain. Those professionals could include anyone relevant to our unique case – financial, communication experts or child experts.
10. I choose to maintain control of the divorce/separation process with my spouse/partner's equal participation, and not relegate it to the courts.
11. I want us to communicate with a tone of respect. The other person will want this too.
12. We will both want to prioritize the needs of our children, the employees of any business in which we have an interest, and other important relationships.
13. I will be as objective as possible about this process. The other person will too.
14. Today is filled with a lot of frustration, hurt or pain, but I believe we can both see past today to create a different way to exist tomorrow and in the future.
15. I know that our solution may not be perfect for either of us, but I am realistic enough to understand that a judge may give me a much less appealing outcome.

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