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NEW OPTIONS FOR RESOLVING DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ISSUES

Collaborative Practice is a fairly recent option available to divorcing couples for resolving disputes respectfully and equitably with less conflict than experienced in an adversarial divorce. The goal of collaborative practice is to help divorcing and separating couples focus on their most important goals, especially children, without the need for a courtroom. The end result is a more effective, efficient and satisfactory outcome for the entire family. Collaborative Practice promotes respect and allows parents/spouses to maintain control of the process and the ultimate resolution, without a stranger (judge) deciding such matters. It addresses each person's unique concerns and allows for more creative solutions than a traditional litigation approach. 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 professionals who leverage their areas of expertise to address children's needs and the emotional and financial aspects of divorce.
- It creates a safe environment for both parties without the threat of litigation/court.
- It provides a structure for communication that considers each person's needs.
- Parents/spouses share information in an effort to make good decisions.
- It provides a creative and respectful approach that helps clients reach a mutually agreeable settlement.

Who Benefits from Collaborative Practice?

- People going through a divorce who want a civilized, respectful resolution of the issues and are willing to focus on solutions.
- People who understand the importance of maintaining a productive working relationship with their (ex) spouses, particularly if they have children together.
- People who will be co-parenting and want to keep their children's interests at the forefront.
- People who want to control decision-making over child-rearing and/or financial arrangements, rather than placing such decisions in the hands of a stranger (judge).
- People who place as much or more value on the relationship that will exist in the restructured family as they do on obtaining the maximum resources possible.