

Testimonials



Both our adult daughters said they're really proud of how we treated each other with kindness during the divorce. That wouldn't have been possible if we'd opted for the court process." –Jane, in Orillia.

"My wife and I had very different ideas about our parenting roles after separation. The child specialist helped us bridge our differences by focusing on the children's needs." –Robert, in Barrie

"I liked the fact that our respective collaborative lawyers would have to withdraw if we decided to go to court. It meant they weren't exacerbating things to earn more money." –Susan, in Toronto

"Parents who have the maturity to appreciate it's in their children's best interests that decisions be made in an atmosphere of mutual respect, dignity, and cooperation, should explore the collaborative family law process."
–Mr. Justice Harvey Brownstone, author of 'Tug of War'.

The Ontario Collaborative Law Federation represents 18 groups of specially trained professionals across the province.

Our members provide legal, financial and emotional support to couples during separation and divorce.

This unique approach avoids the conflict and expense of going to court by promoting a family-focused resolution based on open communication and mutual respect.



Ontario Collaborative Law Federation



A Different Way to Divorce



**COLLABORATIVE
PRACTICE**

Resolving Disputes Respectfully



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Mutual Respect

No Court

Shared Solutions

Collaborative Practice is —

A way for you to resolve disputes respectfully without going to court.

In a separation or divorce, Collaborative Practice requires your commitment to —

- Mutual respect
- Open communication
- Information sharing
- A mutually acceptable settlement

You and your spouse or partner work with your own lawyers and other trained professionals.

They provide support and guidance as you work together on a solution that everyone can live with.



Will it Work for me?

No single approach is right for everyone. Many couples who want a process that gives them control over the outcome, choose Collaborative Practice or “Collaborative Law”.

Collaborative Practice works for couples who agree to —

- Behave ethically
- Listen objectively
- Disagree respectfully
- Make kids a priority
- Plan with the future in mind
- Work creatively and cooperatively
- Keep their process out of the courts

How we help —

- Lawyer – provides legal information for crafting an agreement
- Financial Consultant – helps develop viable financial options
- Child Specialist – addresses the needs of children
- Family Professional – helps with communications and emotions in a time of transition

The Collaborative Team

To help you with the many challenges in the dispute resolution process, Collaborative Practice provides specially trained lawyers and offers a team of other specialists to support you with—

- financial issues
- concerns about children
- emotional turmoil



You are not alone. The Collaborative Team lends advice, expertise and support at a time when you need it most.

With their help you're better equipped to manage any conflict, anger or loss you experience during a separation or divorce.

