

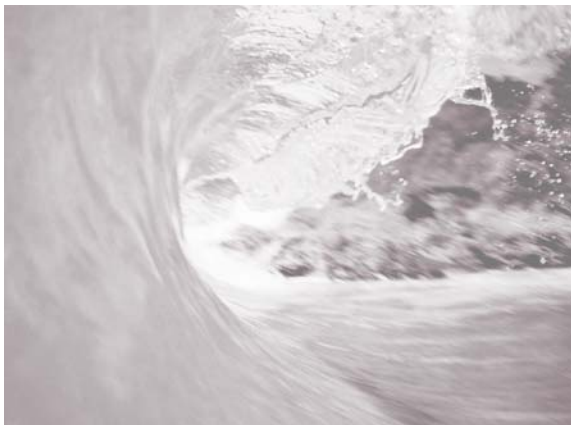
What is collaborative law?

Collaborative law is a process where two people resolve their problems together without the use of the courts.

The court process is not suited to help people improve their relationship or communication, and that is often what people need, especially if they have children.

Although the court tries to look to the future, it must base its decisions on the often bitterly-contested past.

The collaborative process allows you to focus on your goals and to communicate with your spouse in a safe and healthy way. In meetings with lawyers and counsellors, a resolution is reached based on what is important to you.



Why collaborative law?

- you have the support and advice of your professional at every meeting
- you maintain privacy and control over your own lives
- you can resolve relationship issues that the court is ill-equipped to handle
- you are not constantly worried that there will be a court application at any time
- each successful meeting will improve your ability to communicate effectively with your spouse.



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Who are the professionals?

We are lawyers and mental health professionals who have taken training in the collaborative process. Some of us are also mediators.

All of us believe that there must be a less stressful way to resolve family law problems than by applications to the court.

If other professionals are needed, such as a financial advisor or a child specialist, the professionals helping you will bring that person into the process.

The enclosed list has the names of the lawyers and mental health professionals in our group. Any of us would be pleased to discuss the process with you.

