# What is Collaborative Divorce (CD)?

CD is a private and alternative divorce process intended to minimize conflict and enable a couple to separate and divorce outside of the courtroom. Unlike an adversarial court-based divorce, the CD process encourages individuals to communicate and negotiate mutually satisfactory resolutions that meet the best interests of the entire family.

#### How is Collaborative Divorce Different?

The key difference between a collaborative divorce and traditional divorce is the pledge to reach an agreement without going to court. You and your spouse have control of the decisions yourselves rather than giving that control to a judge. In order to accomplish this, all of the parties consent in writing to be a part of a respectful process that leads to an out-of-court resolution. With a collaborative divorce, the goal is to develop effective relationships, solve problems with your spouse and to prevent an expensive court battle.

#### When to choose Collaborative Divorce?

#### When...

- ♦ You want to avoid litigation.
- You want a **private** separation and divorce.
- You want a legal **advocate** during your divorce process.
- You want to make decisions using open **communication**.
- You want to understand the financial implications of your divorce solution.
- You want support from a coach, child specialist or financial neutral.
- You want to minimize costs while you maximize control of the process.
- You want to know that your children's needs and feelings are prioritized.

## Why Collaborative Divorce Solutions?

The Collaborative Divorce Professionals of CDS are committed to assisting couples and families transition through separation and divorce. It is *your* family and *your* process. Let CDS help you make the decisions without court involvement. We work with you and provide a process for amicable resolutions that may protect your child or children from the conflict that is often present in a traditional divorce. We are committed to a team approach that utilizes attorneys, coaches, child specialists and financial experts, tailored to your family's needs.

## www.CollaborativeDivorceSolution.com



Call a participating member of CDS to schedule your initial Collaborative Divorce consultation.

For more information, and to learn about other ways that CDS may help your family, visit our website or contact one of our participating members.







# **COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE SOLUTIONS**



#### **Collaborative Divorce Professionals**

Collaborative Attorneys Child Specialists Divorce Coaches Financial Specialists

Dignity. Privacy. Choice. Divorce Differently.



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Each participating member of CDS can and will work with other collaboratively-trained professionals who are not participating members of this practice group.

The participating members of CDS appreciate the importance of transitioning a couple or family through the separation and divorce process with *dignity*. Our participating team members work together to support, guide, and advise you and your spouse as you make your decisions about your divorce, cash flow, property, and children.

By choosing CDS to assist you with your collaborative divorce, you are also choosing to protect the **privacy** of your family. Your agreements will be made in a confidential environment and not made matters of public record.

This is your family. We, the participating members of CDS, believe that you know what is best for your family. Allowing CDS to help you through your separation and divorce gives you control. When it comes to your family, don't you want to have a say in the decisions that are made? Don't you want to have a *Choice* in serious family matters? With collaborative divorce, you get to have a voice and a choice as you create your own solutions.

Divorce is hard enough.

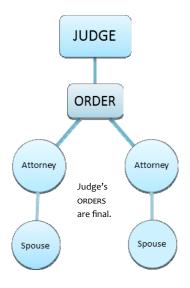
Let the participating members of CDS help you through it.



### **Collaborative Divorce Solutions**

Your Divorce. Your Way.

### **Traditional, In-Court Divorce**



# **Collaborative, Out-of-Court Divorce**

