

Collaborative Law

Will it work for you?

- If you are looking for experienced legal counsel, knowledgeable guidance and skilled advocacy, but want to avoid litigation, Collaborative Law offers those benefits.
- The meetings are scheduled at the pace you set to maximize the efficient use of time and money.
- Divorce, separation and parenting issues are sensitive, personal matters. No single approach is right for everyone. Many couples find client-centered Collaborative Law a welcome alternative to the often unsettling, tension-filled aspects of conventional divorce.



The Respectful Divorce

Brought to you by the Alaska Association of Collaborative Professionals (AKACP)

For a list of the collaborative professionals in your area, please check our website:

www.alaskacollaborative.org

All AKACP members also belong to the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals:

www.collaborativepractice.com



**DIVORCE DOES NOT
HAVE TO BE A BATTLE.**

NO COURT -- JUST SOLUTIONS.

COLLABORATIVE LAW

gives you a *different* way to resolve your divorce, separation, custody and parenting issues

RESPECTFUL

PRIVATE

CONSTRUCTIVE

SENSIBLE

SUPPORTIVE

MUTUAL



Discover Collaborative solutions that work for all concerned, without litigation.

Find trained professionals to work with you through your family's transition.

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About Collaborative Practice

What is Collaborative Law?

Collaborative Law is a way for you to resolve disputes respectfully without going to court.

Collaborative Law offers you and your spouse or partner the support, protection, and guidance of your own lawyer to create the best possible agreement for you and your family. It also offers the benefit of child and financial specialists, divorce and communication coaches, and other professionals working together to help you.

The Collaborative process is a thoughtful, reasoned approach that gives all parties a voice. Everyone makes a commitment to:

1. Negotiate a mutually acceptable settlement without having the court decide sensitive family issues.
2. Maintain open communication and information sharing in a private, confidential setting.

Create shared solutions acknowledging the highest priorities of all.

Why Collaborative Law?

•**Benefits Children**

The effect of divorce upon children can be devastating. Collaborative Law helps parents work honestly, cooperatively and practically to create a settlement that meets the needs of the children and parents.

•**Minimizes Hostility**

The guiding principle of Collaborative Law is respect. This encourages compassion, understanding and cooperation. Collaborative professionals are trained in principled, interest-based negotiation which helps keep discussions productive and balanced.

•**Focuses on the Future**

Divorce is both an ending and a beginning. As a respectful and dignified process, Collaborative Law helps you anticipate and plan to support your family's goals for a smoother transition to the next stage of your lives.

•**Protects Privacy**

All who participate in a Collaborative case sign an agreement that protects the privacy of the process. This allows the free exploration of options in a secure and confidential setting.

•**Provides Support**

Collaborative Law provides space for everyone to be heard and support for clients to ask for what they need to achieve a balanced agreement.

What is AACP?

We are a group of specially trained professionals dedicated to helping people like you resolve their family disputes with dignity and respect. AACP Members must complete specialized Collaborative Law training and participate in additional ongoing training each year. AACP members faithfully observe all of the elements of the Collaborative Participation Agreement.

Who are members of AACP?

AACP Members may include attorneys, mental health professional coaches, child specialists, financial specialists, mediators and facilitators. All are available to help as needed.