

Within the Collaborative Process, the professionals and the parties commit to **working together for better solutions** to address the needs of everyone involved. As such, the Collaborative Process can be less time consuming, less costly and provide better long-term resolutions than other separation or divorce process options.

Collaboratively-trained professionals assist clients to identify key issues and to **communicate constructively** toward reaching resolution without going to Court.



# THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

A BETTER WAY TO SEPARATE OR DIVORCE

Visit our website, [www.collabsask.com](http://www.collabsask.com), to:

- Learn more about the Collaborative Process and it's merits
- Help you decide if the Collaborative Process is right for you
- Review Frequently Asked Questions
- Learn more about how selected collaborative professionals can enhance and add value to the Collaborative Process
- Find a Collaborative Professional near you
- Browse free resources

## A NO COURT approach to Separation and Divorce

The Collaborative Process helps protect the dignity and long-term interests of all family members.

Do you want to:

- Resolve issues in a timely and effective manner?
- Create a parenting plan that meets the needs of your children and both parents?
- Manage legal and other costs related to your separation and divorce?
- Deal effectively with finances moving forward?
- Develop or maintain constructive relationships despite separation or divorce?



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# The Collaborative Process

## A BETTER WAY to Separate or Divorce

The Collaborative Process involves **face-to-face meetings** with clients, lawyers, and, as required, other professionals, who work together to address and resolve issues arising from separation or divorce.

All professionals involved in the collaborative process are collaboratively-trained and have the necessary skills to assist families.

The Collaborative Team is comprised of:

- Family Lawyers - representing their respective clients

As required, additional Collaborative Team members may include:

- Separation/Divorce Coach
- Financial Specialist
- Child Specialist

Through the involvement of the **right professional at the right time, costs and the emotional toll of separation or divorce are reduced and your financial assets can be preserved.**

The focus and design of the Collaborative Process paves the way for **constructive relationships** during and after separation/divorce, which is particularly important when there are co-parenting requirements.

### Why the Collaborative Process is a Better Way to Separate or Divorce

#### Adversarial / Court Approach

Adversarial-based divorce/separation is based on a 'win/lose' foundation. Lawyers advocate for their clients separately, aiming to get a better deal than the other party.

Parties communicate through lawyers using proposals, counter proposals and ultimatums, rather than talking directly and constructively to achieve an agreement.

Negotiations are often limited by formulas, statutes, rules of thumb and the threat of litigation.

Reaching a settlement may only be achieved as a last resort, which can be stressful and expensive.

The adversarial process can create bitterness and anger that lasts for years or forever.

#### Collaborative Approach

Collaborative divorce/separation is based on a 'win/win' foundation. Clients and lawyers work together to reach the best possible agreement.

The separating or divorcing couple controls the process, rather than it being determined by court-based rules and schedules.

The collaborative team ensures the needs, goals and legal rights of the parties involved are considered and addressed within the process.

The expertise of collaborative professionals provides support and information to assist parties communicate in a constructive, solution-oriented manner, as they progress toward reaching an agreement.

The Collaborative Process can resolve long-standing anger, heal bitterness, and create a plan for a positive future.