

collaborative law services



What is Collaborative Law?

Family collaborative practice encourages and enables clients to find solutions in marital or relationship breakdown with respect and dignity and to help them separate without the conflict, and often the delay and additional expense, inherent in the Court process. The fundamental principle is that neither party may issue proceedings in the Court (apart from the formalities of obtaining a divorce), or even threaten to do so.

Our highly trained Resolution Collaborative lawyers at Howell Jones work with and for you, by advising you, as well as in collaboration with your spouse or partner and their collaborative lawyer. Issues are resolved in a series of joint meetings between both clients and their collaborative lawyers working together as a team, so that clients are fully supported and represented at all times and retain control of the process

In this way we can help you achieve a fair settlement that works for the whole family, giving priority to issues that are important to you and your partner, and by working to an agenda and timetable to suit you and your circumstances. Collaborative enables clients to fashion more creative and individual solutions to the issues away from the pressurised and more rigid court system.

Benefits for all the family

In the collaborative process particular focus is placed on the needs and welfare of the children, and to agreeing arrangements for effective co-parenting that enables the children to adapt successfully to living with their parents in separate households. Through the collaborative process parents are assisted in maintaining good communication in the future with regard to their children.



Costs

Collaborative lawyers charge their usually hourly rate for specialist family services. However as co-operation is the cornerstone for the process and there is normally no need to engage in protracted correspondence with the other side's lawyers, it is usually more cost effective than litigation.

Sometimes it is necessary during the collaborative process to jointly instruct other experts such as an accountant or a specialist pension Independent Financial Advisor who will provide specialist advice and report to both parties and the collaborative lawyers.

We would be very pleased to discuss with you whether the collaborative process would be the right option for you.

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