

Failed Marriages... Successful Divorces?

How the Collaborative Divorce process can potentially save you time, money and most importantly, family relationships!

For anyone who has gone through a traditional litigated divorce, most would agree that the sheer mention of the "D" word causes one's blood pressure to rise, even after many years.

"I got hosed; how am I supposed to survive?"

"The whole system is rigged."

"I still don't know if I am going to be ok!"

These are just a few of the phrases we have heard over our years as CFP® professionals focusing on the financial planning needs of divorcing couples.

For divorcing couples who are truly interested in a "successful" divorce, where emphasis is placed on resolving issues in a peaceful, respectful manner, then collaborative divorce may be the preferred choice.

Known as the "kinder, gentler" divorce, collaborative is quickly becoming the preferred choice for couples wishing to divorce quickly, privately and at a potentially lower cost; in addition, the goal of treating all parties concerned with

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dignity and respect establishes a framework where the divorcing couple can communicate in an effective, non hostile manner.

The collaborative divorce process starts with a "participation agreement", which is a written document signed by the spouses and their attorneys, where all parties pledge full disclosure, to treat everyone respectfully, and perhaps most importantly, not to go to court. (In fact, couples are required to hire new counsel, should the collaborative process fail.)

While the "core" team is made up of the spouses and their respective attorneys, the collaborative approach allows for other professionals to engage in the process, should their services be needed.

Collaboratively trained divorce coaches, child specialists, financial professionals, and forensic accountants are a few examples of professionals who may be called upon to help expedite the process.

If you are contemplating divorce, you owe it to yourself, your spouse and your children to find out why the collaborative process can result in a "successful" divorce.

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