

Testimonials

"Both our adult daughters said they're really proud of how we treated each other with kindness during the divorce. That wouldn't have been possible if we'd opted for the court process" - Jane in Orillia

"My wife and I had very different ideas about our parenting roles after separation. The child specialist helped us bridge our differences by focusing on the children's needs." - Robert in Barrie

"I liked the fact that our respective collaborative lawyers would have to withdraw if we decided to go to court. It meant they weren't exacerbating things to earn more money." - Susan in Toronto

"Parents who have the maturity to appreciate it's in their children's best interests that decisions be made in an atmosphere of mutual respect, dignity, and cooperation, should explore the collaborative family law process." - Retired Justice Harvey Brownstone, author of 'Tug of War'.

oacp

The Ontario Association of Collaborative Professionals represents regional groups of collaboratively trained professionals across the province.

Our members provide legal, financial and emotional support to couples during separation and divorce.

This unique approach facilitates a family-focused resolution based on open communication and mutual respect. It avoids the adversarial nature and expense of going to court to finalize your separation.

oacp

For more information visit:
www.oacp.co

oacp

**Ontario Association of
Collaborative Professionals**



**A Peaceful Approach to
Resolving Conflict**

www.oacp.co

Respectful Communication

No Court

Teamwork

Collaborative Practice Is:

- An approach that allows you and your spouse to settle your separation or divorce without going to court, and to remain in control of your own future..
- Creative, customized solutions to satisfy the needs of you and your family.
- Separating spouses working together with a team of professionals to resolve legal matters arising from your separation, including treatment of family assets, deciding parenting responsibilities, and finalizing support arrangements.



Will it Work for Me?

Collaborative Practice works in any situation where both spouses are committed to respectful discussion of goals and concerns and full sharing of all pertinent financial and other information.

Our trained collaborative professionals have helped resolve even the most difficult separations including those involving concerns about substance abuse, domestic violence and complex legal issues.



How We Help

Collaborative Practice provides specially trained Lawyers and other professionals to support you in your negotiations.

The Collaborative Team

- **Collaborative Lawyer** - provides legal information, advice, coaching and support, in a team approach, to reach an agreement acceptable to both you and your spouse.
- **Family Professional** - assists family members to move through the separation process by facilitating discussions on communication, relationships, emotions, wellbeing, co-parenting and children's best interests.
- **Financial Professional** - helps both of you understand relevant financial information, prepare property statements, identify go forward lifestyle spending needs and financial opportunities to reach a successful agreement.

oacp