

Hamilton/Halton COLLABORATIVE FAMILY PRACTICE



KEY MESSAGES

Collaborative Practice
Resolving Disputes Respectfully

What is Collaborative Family Practice?

Collaborative Family Practice is an approach to separation and divorce without going to or threatening to go to court.

Collaborative Family Practice allows the parties to a separation or divorce to develop a settlement solution in a dignified manner that protects the long-term best interests of your family.

Costs

The expense of the Collaborative Family Practice process will depend on the complexity of the issues involved but will typically cost less than going to court.

Team Approach

In addition to Collaborative Family Practice lawyers, the process can also involve family relationship professionals, financial planning professionals and business valuation professionals that all work together as a team to develop a settlement solution for the parties of a separation or divorce.

Creative Solutions

Since the Collaborative Family Practice process is outside of the court system, it allows the parties to be more creative in developing a win-win solution for everyone involved.

Collaborative Participation Agreement

The Participation Agreement is the cornerstone to the Collaborative Family Practice process and is a contract signed by both the parties and their lawyers committing to work out a settlement without going to court.

Collaborative Training

Collaborative professionals have undergone training to acquaint themselves with the principles and processes of Collaborative Family Practice.

Origin of Collaborative Family Practice

The concept of Collaborative Family Practice was first created in 1990 by a Minnesota lawyer by the name of Stu Webb who became enchanted with his family Practice litigation practice and thus made the decision that he would not longer take a client's case to court.