



COLLABORATIVE
PRACTICE

Resolving Disputes Respectfully.

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NEW CLIENT INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

Prior to meeting with the attorney, please complete the following information to assist us in avoiding a current conflict of interest and in preventing one in the future.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ (Home)

(_____) _____ (Cell)

(_____) _____ (Work)

Please check the number I can best reach you at.

E-mail: _____

Referred By: _____

Children (names & ages): _____

How long have you been married? _____

Information on Spouse or Other Party (if known)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ (Home)

(_____) _____ (Cell)

(_____) _____ (Work)

Attorney's Name: _____

Even though divorce is a legal process, your emotions and your perspective on divorce, and those of your spouse, are very important and cannot be separated from the legal process. To assist me in beginning to understand your views about proceeding with divorce, please answer the questions on the reverse side of this form.

1. People have different attitudes towards their divorce. Please check which of these statements most closely fits your own attitude right now.

- I'm done with this marriage; it's too late now even if my spouse were to make major changes.
- I have mixed feelings about the divorce; sometimes I think it's a good idea and sometimes I'm not sure.
- I would consider reconciling if my spouse got serious about making major changes.
- I don't want this divorce, and I would work hard to get us back together.

2. Readiness for Divorce

People come to the divorce process with different degrees of readiness to divorce. Some may not want the divorce and are not emotionally prepared to participate in the process, while others have been ready for some time and feel impatient to get things moving. And there is a wide range of feelings in between. Please rate yourself on the scale below by circling the number that best describes your readiness for divorce today.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I'm absolutely not
ready for this divorce

I'm ready to move
forward immediately

Assessment of Success Factors
(From *The Collaborative Way to Divorce*, written by Stu Webb & Ronald Ousky)

The purpose of this section is to help us assess your likelihood of achieving your goals through the Collaborative Method. Please answer each of the questions honestly. For each question, please fill in the circle that most accurately fits your individual beliefs.

(1) Strongly Disagree	(2) Disagree	(3) Neutral	(4) Agree	(5) Strongly Agree
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My ability to achieve a successful outcome in the divorce primarily will depend on the decisions I make during the process

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In order to achieve my most important goals, I am willing to let go of some smaller short-term issues, even though it may be very hard to do so

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I am capable of making the emotional commitment necessary to achieve the best possible outcome

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I am not afraid of or intimidated by my spouse

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I am willing to try to see things from my spouse's point of view in order to help achieve the best possible outcome

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I believe it is possible for my spouse and me to restore enough trust in each other to achieve a successful outcome

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I am willing to commit myself fully to resolving the issues through the Collaborative process by working toward common interests rather than simply arguing in favor of my positions

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It is important to me that my spouse and I maintain a respectful and effective relationship after the divorce

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I have accepted the fact that this divorce is going to happen

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I believe that it is very important that our children maintain a strong, healthy relationship with both parents

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