

Collaborative Family Law

Friday, November 3, 2006
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Collaborative Law is an emerging approach used in dissolution of marriages and other family legal problems. Originating in Minnesota about 15 years ago, Collaborative Law is now found in most states and is widely used in Canada. Collaborative Law is a process in which both spouses and their attorneys commit to resolving the disputed issues reasonably and fairly without litigating in court. An attorney represents each spouse advising on legal issues and negotiating a settlement. Techniques for problem solving and cooperative strategies are hallmarks of Collaborative Law.

Introduction Session

This session will explain the collaborative process, provide sample forms and present a mock collaborative negotiation session.

Registration: 7:30 a.m. **Seminar:** 8 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Credit: 4.5 CLE Hours in Missouri & Kansas (pending)

Substantive Distinctions Between Client Representation in the Realm of Collaborative versus Conventional Divorce Practice – What is It and Why Change?

Peter M. Schloss, Attorney and Mediator

Procedural Collaborative Law Practice and Forms

Tamara S. Hatheway, *Bernstein, Rodarte & Hatheway, PC*

Karen A. Plax, Attorney at Law

Four Party Conference Directed Collaborative Law – Role Play

Hugh F. O'Donnell III, Attorney at Law

Lisa E. Key, Attorney at Law

Sandra J. Silva, Attorney at Law

Jay D. DeHardt, *McQuain, DeHardt & Rosenbloom, PC*

Practice and Procedure Germane to Collaborative Law Practice

Jack A. Cochran, *Cochran, Oswald & Roam, LLC*



Next Steps Session

This session will review the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce model in contrast to the attorney-only model. We will explain the roles and interactions of the client, attorney, divorce coach, child specialist and independent financial specialist as well as demonstrate the supportive interactions in a mock presentation.

Registration: 12:30 p.m. **Seminar:** 1 to 5:05 p.m.
Credit: 4.5 CLE Hours in Missouri & Kansas (pending)

Overview of Collaborative Divorce

Hugh F. O'Donnell III, Attorney at Law

Historical Development of Attorney-Only and Interdisciplinary Models

Sandra J. Silva, Attorney and Mediator

Interdisciplinary Role of the Attorney and the Divorce Coach

Sandra J. Silva, Attorney and Mediator

Terri Clinton Dichiser, MA, JD, LCPC, NCC

Interdisciplinary Role of the Child Specialist and Financial Neutral

Stephen B. Smith, CPA, *Williams & Keepers, LLC*

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Scenario/Role Play of Attorney, Client and Divorce Coach

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