



Role of the Lawyers

Collaborative Settlement Process
for Separation & Divorce

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Section 1

In order to prepare you for settlement discussions and meetings, the lawyer's role in the Collaborative Team Process is to:

- ✓ Provide legal advice, guidance, and support.
- ✓ Help you prioritize your goals considering what is realistic and the costs.
- ✓ Help you articulate your and your spouse's goals and perspectives while generating options to meet those goals.
- ✓ Guide you through the process to keep it respectful and effective by assisting you to make wise decisions.
- ✓ Ensure your agreement is workable and enforceable.
- ✓ Negotiate using collaborative and interest-based negotiation principles.
- ✓ Provide independent legal advice prior to any decisions and to ensure that agreement(s) are entered with understanding of nature and consequences of terms and voluntarily, without undue influence or coercion.

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