

New Family Law Act Recognizes The Collaborative Process

The Family Law Act, which came into effect on March 18, 2013, in addition to the various provisions including division of property and parenting arrangements, specifically requires that a family dispute resolution professional advising in a family dispute must discuss with the clients non-adversarial options including the collaborative process, mediation and arbitration.

The family dispute resolution professionals include lawyers, family justice workers, parenting coordinators as well as qualified mediators and arbitrators.

The collaborative process is a method which enables the family to restructure in a more positive way without using Court. The clients and the lawyers sign a "Participation Agreement" which obliges the parties to use negotiation rather than litigation to resolve matters. Other team members such as divorce coaches, child specialists and financial advisors are also part of the process which ensures a safe and supportive environment as the family goes through a difficult transition.

Initial half-hour consultation is complimentary

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