

Collaborative divorce is an alternative form of dispute resolution determined to foster the resolution of divorce and family law related issues respectfully and equitably with the help of trained professionals without court intervention and the pressure, uncertainties and costs that accompany litigation.

Each party selects collaboratively trained attorneys of their own choosing. Both the clients and the attorneys pledge not to go to court so the process itself can be more open and less adversarial. The lawyers are used in a much more focused way in their capacity as problem solvers.

Unlike litigation, a collaborative divorce gives the parties control of when, where, how often and how long they need to meet for each negotiation session. In addition, the collaborative divorce professionals are always looking for a way to advance both parties' interests in a mutually beneficial way. The win-lose mentality of litigating in Court is dispensed with in favor of a collaborative team working with each other, not against each other, to design a mutual beneficial solution. Often, the first step of the process is to create a framework for effective communication to enable the building of a fair settlement framework, and the trust for both parties to commit to it. The goal is to enhance communication throughout the process and lay the groundwork for a healthier post-divorce relationship between the parties.

Depending upon the complexity of your case, the collaborative professionals of the Jersey Shore Collaborative Law Group can put together the right team for you. Our members include attorneys, mental health professionals, accountants, and other professionals and advisors. If the issues in your case warrant it, and you desire the assistance, the members of our group can serve as a strong source of reliable, expert information to assist you and your spouse in making divorce decisions for yourselves and your children.