

# COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE

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# LITIGATION

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COMPARING THE 2 TYPES OF  
DIVORCE PROCESSES  
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## Collaborative

You and your spouse are committed to resolving your divorce with mutual respect, integrity, and transparency.

You and your spouse set the timetable for moving through and completing the divorce process.

Collaborative divorces are less expensive than a litigated divorces, even with the use of a team of experts (attorneys, mental health professionals, and financial experts).

You and your spouse craft creative solutions to meet the unique needs and interests of your family.

## Litigation

The court process is based on an adversarial system that pits you against your spouse and often leaves both party feeling like "they lost."

You and your spouse are at the mercy of a crowded court calendar to determine the length of the divorce process.

The costs of a litigated divorce are unpredictable. Each stage in a litigated divorce (initial pleadings, discovery, settlement, trial preparation, and trial) can cost thousands of dollars each.

The Court decides the issues after a day of trial that you and your spouse are each bound to abide by.