



collaborative law

Collaborative Law is an alternative way of resolving disputes following any breakdown. By agreeing to deal with matters through the Collaborative process the separating couple agree that they will commit to the process and not revert to the Court to settle their issues.

The idea with the Collaborative process is that the separating couple are able to work through the issues together with their Solicitors and reach an agreement which is suitable for all concerned. Discussions take place in four way meetings between the separating couple and their respective Solicitors. This allows both of the people involved to receive legal advice whilst providing an opportunity for a fair solution to be worked out between all concerned. During the process any issues which need to be resolved can be dealt with, even if they are matters that would not usually be dealt with either by the Solicitors or more particularly by the Court. This can assist, particularly where there are children who have been affected by the breakdown of the relationship.

It has been found by many couples that by dealing with their separation through the Collaborative process they have been able to maintain a good working relationship which is particularly important when they will continue to have contact with each other in relation to their children.

Collaborative Lawyers have received additional training in the Collaborative process. The process is in its early stages in Staffordshire although a growing number of Solicitors are now taking the additional training. If a couple would like to consider dealing with matters using the Collaborative process it is important that they both instruct a Collaborative Lawyer. At Knights solicitors llp, Cath Longshaw is one of the founding members of Staffordshire Collaborative Lawyers and Barbara White is also a trained Collaborative Lawyer.

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