

## WHAT IS THE COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE PROCESS?

The Collaborative Divorce Process is a voluntary dispute resolution process in which parties reach an agreement out of court through negotiation in meetings with their attorneys and other trained Collaborative professionals.

In the **Collaborative Divorce Process**:

1. The parties sign a collaborative participation agreement describing the nature and scope of the matter;
2. The parties voluntarily disclose all information which is relevant and material to the matter that must be decided;
3. The parties agree to use good faith efforts in their negotiations to reach a mutually acceptable settlement;
4. Each party must be represented by a Collaboratively trained lawyer whose representation terminates upon the filing of any contested court proceeding.

In the Collaborative Divorce Process, the division of assets and liabilities is determined by the goals and needs of the particular family. The attorney representing each participant advises his or her client regarding the legal information they need to consider in making decisions, and the final result reflects the thoughtful review of many options. The economic concerns of all family members are considered in reaching an agreement.

The Allegheny County Bar Foundation

## DIVORCE — LAW — PROJECT

[www.pittsburghprobono.org](http://www.pittsburghprobono.org)



## CLASP

COLLABORATIVE LAW ASSOCIATION of  
SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

[www.clasplaw.org](http://www.clasplaw.org)

## Modest Means LRS

Allegheny County Bar Association  
Lawyer Referral Service

[www.acbalrs.org](http://www.acbalrs.org)

# COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE

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*Resolve Your Divorce  
and  
Property-Related Issues  
with  
No Legal Fees  
or  
Reduced Legal Fees*

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*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

## HOUSE, CAR, PENSION? LIMITED MEANS? WE CAN HELP!

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Free or reduced fee attorneys are available through the Divorce Law Project, the Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania (CLASP), and the Modest Means Program of the ACBA Lawyer Referral Service. These attorneys are trained in the Collaborative Process to help settle property-related issues in your divorce.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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Prospective clients must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for this program:

- The spouses have in dispute a marital asset or debt issue.
- Both spouses must be able to attend meetings.
- Both spouses must be willing to sit in the same room, with attorneys, and communicate openly with one another.
- The applicant must reside in Allegheny County.
- The applicant must know the spouse's complete mailing address.
- Both spouses must demonstrate a low income.

## HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

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Free or reduced fee help is available and will be determined by the spouses' levels of income. For more information, contact the Divorce Law Project.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

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Intake and initial screening is administered through the Divorce Law Project. An appointment is not necessary. If you believe that you meet the qualifications outlined in this pamphlet, you may come in anytime during the intake hours listed below to fill out an application. Once you successfully apply to our program, an attorney will contact you for further screening. **Application to this program does not guarantee representation.**

## INTAKE HOURS

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Koppers Building, 11th Floor  
436 Seventh Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

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- Photo identification
- Your spouse's address, your exact date of separation, and your date and county of marriage
- Proof of Income (ACCESS Card, SSI documentation, paystub, or tax return)

## THE DIVORCE LAW PROJECT

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The Divorce Law Project is a program of the Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation that helps individuals with low incomes to obtain uncontested, no-fault divorces. It houses the Collaborative Divorce Law Project which provides free assistance for clients with property-related issues. Volunteers of the Collaborative Divorce Law Project are members of the ACBA Collaborative Law Committee.

## COLLABORATIVE LAW ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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The Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania (CLASP) is an organization of professionals trained in the Collaborative process. CLASP has a Pro Bono Collaborative Divorce Project that expands upon the services provided by the Divorce Law Project. CLASP members provide limited scope representation in the Collaborative Divorce Process on a free or reduced fee basis consistent with the protocols of the CLASP Pro Bono Collaborative Divorce Project.

## MODEST MEANS PROGRAM

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The Modest Means program is a program of the ACBA Lawyer Referral Service. It was created to provide representation to those individuals who are having difficulty affording traditional legal services, but, for one reason or another, do not qualify for various pro bono service providers. Through the program, a client, once screened, for a fee of \$30.00 will be referred to one attorney who has agreed to provide a particular service at a reduced fee. For more information, call 412-261-5555.



*For additional information please call:  
412-402-6714*