

Collaborative Process

Principles

- Clients should be provided with the best opportunity possible of achieving the best resolution they can for their family (“the good divorce”).
- They are most likely to achieve this through a transparent process of discussion with trained legal professionals, backed by family consultants. It is the job of these professionals:
 - To assess whether the client can meet the demands of the process and provide reasonable means to assist in their so doing;
 - To work to identify the issues that must be addressed to enable the good divorce to be achieved; and
 - To provide their experience and their advice in the working out of those issues; and
 - To manage the process so as to move the parties through to a conclusion
- We support the fundamental principles of CP, which include an absolute prohibition on contested court process.
- Clients should be provided with high quality legal advice by the process and have the opportunity of taking advice as to the likely court outcome at an appropriate stage during the process.
- We will aspire. We will be inclusive and will connect internationally.
- The watchwords are 1) client protection and 2) appropriateness (ie we only do CP where it is the right option); and
- We attach prime importance to the quality and reliability of the services that will be offered by our members; so
 - On the one hand, clients must be given high standards;
 - On the other hand access to the discipline must not be exclusive.
 - We shall be brief and work in plain English.
- We believe in minimum centralised control consistent with the needs of clients and will promote local autonomy. We will nurture our roots, where lies the vitality of the movement.