

ONE CASE ADDENDUM TO COLLABORATIVE LAW PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the One Case program. As your professional team, we are pleased to bring you this opportunity to participate in Collaborative Divorce at a significantly reduced fee. In order to proceed through the divorce process efficiently while minimizing stress, it is important to have a structure to our process. Also this will help to accomplish your goal of keeping the costs of the completed process predictable while ensuring that your professional team is not spending substantially more time than agreed to in this program

The anticipated total cost is approximately \$7000.00. Three categories of fees are associated with this process. 1) Fees for service hours rendered by each professional, 2) a flat file fee for office costs for each professional, and 3) specific fees for fixed costs (filing fees, mandatory parenting class fees, books), etc.

Professional Service Fees:

The program is offered at an expected fee to cover 20 hours of service per professional plus costs to complete your divorce process. Professional team member fees are to be paid at the time of service for each of the initial consultations. The remaining ½ of each retainer is due at the first Full Team meeting and the remaining ½ is due 30 days later. As part of the process, you agree to permit an additional professional to participate in the process as a Project Manager at no charge to your family. That professional might be an attorney, mental health professional, or financial professional and will be chose by the professional team. Fees are as follows:

1. Attorneys bill at \$100 per hour – accept flat fee of 20 hours each at \$100.00 per hour = \$2000.00 each = \$4000.00
2. Neutral Mental Health professional bills at \$50.00 per hour – accept flat fee of 20 hours at \$50.00 = \$1000.00
3. Neutral Financial Professional bills at \$50.00 per hour – accept flat fee of 20 hours at \$50.00 = \$1000.00
4. Project manager – bills at \$0.00 per hour

The following services are anticipated to occur within those 20 hours. Substitution of a specific service hour may occur to meet the needs of a particular family situation.

- 1 hour initial consultation with Attorney and wife
- 1 hour initial consultation with Attorney and husband
- 1.5 hour initial with Mental Health professional with husband
- 1 hour initial with Financial professional with husband
- 1.5 hour initial with Mental Health professional with wife
- 1 hour initial with Financial professional with wife
- 1 hour - Professional team telephone call

- 1 – 3 hour full team meeting #1 (2 hours with clients each meeting; 1 additional hour professional team only)
- 4 hours Financial professional time to compile data
- 1 – 2 hour joint Parenting Plan meetings with Mental Health professional, if applicable
- 1 hour consult with Attorney and wife
- 1 hour consult with Attorney and husband
- 1 – 3 hour Full team meeting #2 (2 hours with clients each meeting; 1 additional hour professional team only)
- 2 hour - Attorney for wife, drafting and working with husband's attorney on documents
- 2 hour - Attorney for husband, drafting and working with wife's attorney on documents
- 1 hour consult with Attorney and wife
- 1 hour consult with Attorney and husband
- 1 hour consult with Mental Health professional with wife
- 1 hour consult with Mental Health professional with husband
- 1 – 2 hour joint Parenting Plan meeting with Mental Health professional, if applicable
- 2 hours with Financial professional and wife to review data, prepare/review financial affidavit, discuss budget, etc.
- 2 hours with Financial professional and husband to review data, prepare/review financial affidavit, discuss budget, etc.
- 1 – 3 hour Full team meeting #3 (2 hours with clients each meeting; 1 additional hour professional team only)
- 2 hour - Attorney for wife, drafting and working with husband's attorney on documents
- 2 hour - Attorney for husband, drafting and working with wife's attorney on documents
- 2 hour - Attorney meet with wife to review Marital Settlement Agreement, Financial Affidavit, Schedule of Assets and Liabilities, Parenting Plan
- 2 hour - Attorney meet with husband to review Marital Settlement Agreement, Financial Affidavit, Schedule of Assets and Liabilities, Parenting Plan
- 1 hour – Final Full Team meeting including signing of documents

File Fee:

Flat fee per professional office for costs – faxing, copying, scanning, correspondence, postage, etc.

- \$200.00 for Attorneys (\$100.00 each)
- \$50.00 for Financial Professional
- \$50.00 for Mental Health Professional

Ancillary Fixed Costs:

The above fees do not include filing fees, class fees, use of outside experts, appraisals or other associated costs. Some costs are required and/or can be predicted at the outset of your case while other costs are optional. The following costs are required either for your divorce or for this process:

- Mandatory divorce filing fee - \$408.00 (may vary based upon county)
- Mandatory education class for parents of minor children-\$70 (\$35.00 each parent)
- Mandatory appearance by one attorney Final Hearing-\$200.00
- Books required for One Case project:
 - *Mom's House/Dad's House*, \$12.00 each
 - *Building a Parenting Agreement that Works*, \$20.00 each
- Therapy sessions required for One Case project, varied costs (reduced fee therapists are available if requested).

Possible expenses depending on specifics of case:

- Certified copies of final judgment, approximately \$10.00 each copy
- Property appraisal, if needed
- Business valuation, if needed
- Child specialist, if needed
- Financial planner, if needed
- Expert consultation, if needed (i.e., bankruptcy attorney, tax attorney)

In addition, clients are expected to complete the following steps outside of the Collaborative meetings in order to most effectively utilize the process and reach successful conclusion to the divorce within the services hours allotted for the program:

1. Attend at least 3 individual therapy sessions each to address the emotional process of divorce.
2. Review the material provided by their respective attorneys (examples include statues re: parenting plan and child support; Supreme Court Parenting Plan form; MSA template, sample CL agendas, Roadmap to Resolution, Expectations of Conduct, etc.).
3. Gather and provide all requested financial documents promptly.
4. If minor children are involved, read a book for divorcing parents such as *Mom's House, Dad's House* and a parenting plan book such as *Building a Parenting Agreement that Works*.
5. If minor children are involved, attend mandatory parent education class as soon as possible. Attendance at an additional co-parenting class is recommended.

Professionals usually bill for travel time; no billing in this case but location will rotate among each of the four professional offices; if clients request a specific location, travel might be billed in addition to above hours. Usually bill for email, phone calls, etc. no billing here but if excessive professional will talk to you about that.

Date: _____

Client **

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Lori Caldwell-Carr, Esq.
Attorney for Wife

Brenda London, Esq.
Attorney for Husband

Dr. Teresa Parnell
Mental Health Professional

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Financial Professional

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Process Observer/Project Manager

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