

## **The Advantages of a Collaborative Divorce**

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Collaborative divorce gives spouses the opportunity to work out the terms of their divorce and resolve their divorce issues without having to do so in court. It signifies an effort to settle differences in a positive and cooperative manner that resolves issues such as child custody, division of assets and alimony. In this type of divorce, spouses and their lawyers agree to stay out of court and freely share information.

Overall, the collaborative divorce process can be less costly than litigation or going to court. By focusing on resolving issues through cooperation instead of opposition, the divorce process is generally less stressful and reduces the anxiety that court proceedings can cause. As mutual agreement is usually reached much faster, a collaborative divorce can also be less time consuming. By giving the spouses and their attorneys control over the proceedings, the outcome can be much more positive than a traditional divorce held in a courtroom. Spouses that are able to work together in this manner oftentimes find the collaborative divorce model beneficial.

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