



# COLLABORATIVE LAW

## TRAINING SEMINARS

### February

#### Let's Make a Deal! Tax and Other Financial Issues in Separation Agreements

**Date:** February 24, 2009; 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Collaborative Training Solutions, 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite L-80, Towson, Maryland 21204; 410-321-5851

**Trainer:** Karen May, CPA, MST, CFE, CFFA, DABFA, CHS-1

**Registration Fee:** \$150.00 - \$175 (depending on registration date)

**Description:** This seminar is designed to help Collaborative practitioners and mediators identify tax and financial issues that arise during the negotiation of separation agreements. It will cover general filing information, exemptions, and requirements for claiming a dependent as well as property transfers and payments that occur as a result of a divorce and how they must be treated on the tax return. Examples include alimony, child support, property settlements and transfers of retirement plans and the principle residence. In addition, the seminar will cover how to handle the costs of obtaining a divorce, how to handle tax withholding and estimated tax payments, tax carry forwards, and dividing income and deductions in the year a marriage is terminated. Sound complicated? The seminar is designed to help you understand these topics without making your head spin. This class is not intended to produce a tax/financial professional at the end, rather to help the participant identify pieces of agreements that require further information and exploration.

### March

#### Monthly 1/2-day Skill-building Series. Topic: "Self-Care for the Collaborative Professional."

**Date:** March 6, 2009; 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Collaborative Training Solutions, 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite L-80, Towson, Maryland 21204; 410-321-5851

No Charge

Coffee and pastries will be served.

## April

### 2-day Multidisciplinary Interactive Training in Family & Business Collaborative Practice

**Dates:** April 17 and 18, 2009; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551; US 20 at I-75; exit 193; Phone: 419-874-3111; Toll Free: 1-888-874-2592.

**Trainers:** Doug Reynolds, Esquire, Susan Miller, MA, CPA, CFP, CDFP, Mary McNeish Stengel, LCSW-C, and Ali Dansker Doyle, M.S.Ed., Esquire

**Registration Fee:** \$550, \$600 (Depending on registration date)

**Description:** Experience this unique training opportunity in Basic Collaborative practice. This two-day intensive training includes a complete introduction to Collaborative Law theory, practice, and skills development as well as ethics in both the family and civil arenas. Multidisciplinary Collaborative practitioners (attorneys, mental health and financial) will provide education, and will lead discussion, regarding the value added, purposeful integration of these professionals in the Collaborative process. It is appropriate for lawyers new to Collaborative practice as well as experienced lawyers wishing to receive a review of earlier trainings to improve on their skills. Attending BOTH Days will qualify as a Basic Training in Collaborative Practice. The training will address both family and business/civil Collaborative practice.

### Let's Make a Deal! Tax and Other Financial Issues in Separation Agreements

**Date:** April 22, 2009; 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Office of Collaborative Training Solutions, 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite L-80,  
Towson, Maryland 21204; 410-321-5851

**Trainer:** Karen May, CPA, MST, CFE, CFFA, DABFA, CHS-1

**Registration Fee:** \$150.00 - \$175 (depending on registration date)

**Description:** This seminar is designed to help Collaborative practitioners and mediators identify tax and financial issues that arise during the negotiation of separation agreements. It will cover general filing information, exemptions, and requirements for claiming a dependent as well as property transfers and payments that occur as a result of a divorce and how they must be treated on the tax return. Examples include alimony, child support, property settlements and transfers of retirement plans and the principle residence. In addition, the seminar will cover how to handle the costs of obtaining a divorce, how to handle tax withholding and estimated tax payments, tax carry forwards, and dividing income and deductions in the year a marriage is terminated. Sound complicated? The seminar is designed to help you understand these topics without making your head spin. This class is not intended to produce a tax/financial professional at the end, rather to help the participant identify pieces of agreements that require further information and exploration.

## May

### [A Strengths-based Approach to Collaborative Clients; Working Collaboratively with Challenging Clients](#)

- Dates:** May 8 - 9, 2009; Friday, 5/8/09 - noon through Saturday, 5/9/09 - 3:30 p.m.
- Location:** Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, 37 Corey Road, Hancock, MA 01237. 413-738-5500;
- Trainer:** Mary McNeish Stengel, LCSW-C
- Registration Fee:** \$275, \$325 (Depending on registration date)

**Description:** There has been a lot of focus in the Collaborative community on labeling Clients as being "challenging," or on helping the team identify traits of personality disorders. This approach can lead to pessimism on the part of Collaborative practitioners about their clients' ability to succeed in the process. A strengths-based approach is positive in orientation and can give all members of a Collaborative team both a perspective and a skill set that can guide them in preparing clients for the process, as well as guiding them through it. This workshop/conference will combine trainer(s) presentation, discussion, and interactive exercises, all of which will address each member of the team.

## June

### [Mediation Theory, Process & Skills Geared Toward Collaboratively Trained Professionals– 30-hour Course](#)

- Dates:** June 11th – 13th, 2009; Course hours are 8:00 am – 6:30 pm
- Location:** 305 W. Chesapeake Ave., #L-80, Towson, Maryland 21204; 410-321-5851
- Trainer:** Cecilia Paizs, Esquire
- Registration Fee:** 30-hour course: \$975, \$1025 or \$1100

**Description:** Thirty-hour training in client-centered, facilitative conflict resolution. This course is designed for Collaborative professionals and mediators are not interested in Court appointments, but desire to meet the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals standards and to enhance their delivery of Collaborative service. Come learn skills in this 30-hour skills-based training to assist those in conflict voice their views, consider the views of others, and work collaboratively to reach resolution together. Training format includes skills development, exercises, lecture, discussion and coached role-playing.

**Special Note:** This training is NOT designed to meet requirements of the Maryland Rules to apply to be designated by the Court as a mediator. Please consult the Maryland Rules for the requirements to apply for Court appointments.

## COLLABORATIVE LINKS

[CollaborativeLaw.com](http://CollaborativeLaw.com)

[CollaborativePractice.com](http://CollaborativePractice.com)

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