

American Bar Association – Section of Dispute Resolution

Collaborative Law Committee

Mission Statement

The mission of the Collaborative Law Committee of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution is to expand the understanding and use of the Collaborative Law process nationally and internationally.

THE COLLABORATIVE LAW COMMITTEE:

- A. Educates the ABA, other members of the legal profession, law students and legal educators, other professionals, the judiciary, legislators, and the public about the practice and benefits of Collaborative Law;
- B. Expands the use of Collaborative Law in all areas of legal practice in the United States and internationally;
- C. Encourages ongoing education of collaborative practitioners to assure the highest level of competency;
- D. Explores the use of Collaborative Law with other dispute resolution processes;
- E. Encourages the enactment of Collaborative Law legislation in the United States and internationally, and monitors and advises the Section Council about developments in Collaborative Law, including legislation and ethical opinions;
- F. Encourages the diversity of practitioners in Collaborative Law and the expanded use of Collaborative Law in low and moderate-income and diverse communities;
- G. Encourages and assists in developing courses on Collaborative Law in law schools, the addition of Collaborative Law competence in bar examinations, and the addition of Collaborative Law in continuing legal education programs; and
- H. Helps the Section build bridges to such organizations as the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, the Global Collaborative Law Council, and other entities within the ABA, including the various Sections and the Standing Committee of the Delivery of Legal Services.