

Collaborative Practice Symposium on Interdisciplinary Practice

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The Presenters

Legal	Financial	Family
Richard W. Shields	June Oliver	Sheila Brown
Marion F. Korn	Vivian Alterman	Barbara Anderson

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About the Presenters

Richard W. Shields is a lawyer, mediator, arbitrator, and trainer. Admitted to the practice of law in Ontario, Canada in 1976, he now restricts his professional practice to collaborative family law, family mediation, and family arbitration. He is certified as a specialist in family law by the Law Society of Upper Canada and as a comprehensive family mediator by Family Mediation Canada. He is also designated by the ADR Institute of Canada as a Chartered Mediator and Chartered Arbitrator. He is both an adjunct professor in negotiation and mediation in the dispute resolution programs of York University and McMaster University and a collaborative law and practice trainer. He is a co-author of *Collaborative Family Law: Another Way to Resolve Family Disputes* published by Thomson Carswell in 2003. He has most recently completed his Ph.D in Adult Education; the subject matter of his doctoral thesis was collaborative law training.

Marion F. Korn, a senior family lawyer in Toronto, restricts her services to Collaborative Practice and mediation. As a founding member and former Chair, Marion is an active member of the Collaborative Practice Toronto. She was a founding member of the Ontario Collaborative Law Federation (OCLF). She is a member of the IACP (International Academy of Collaborative Professionals) Public Education Committee, chair of the IACP Task Force on Diversity and Inclusivity and was a member of an advisory committee of the IACP on training. Marion is an internationally recognized Collaborative Practice trainer, teaching lawyers and others in Canada, the US, the UK, Austria and Australia.

June Oliver, the principal of The Tax Management Centre, is a Certified General Accountant, Certified Financial Planner, a member of the Academy of Financial Divorce Specialists, and the Institute of Divorce Financial Analysts. In addition, she has a Certificate in Family Mediation from McMaster University, and is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. The combination of June's extensive background in finance, divorce mediation, and collaborative law has gained her the reputation of developing equitable divorce settlements for her clients.

Sheila Brown is a Registered Social Worker and Accredited Mediator with over 25 years of clinical and managerial experience. Sheila's practice specializes in work with families and children who are experiencing separation/divorce. In addition to helping parents to develop parenting plans, Sheila works with family members to assist them to move through the separation process in a positive way. Sheila is a member of the Board of Directors for Collaborative Practice Toronto.

Vivian Alterman is a founding partner of ap Valuations Limited, a boutique valuation firm specializing in matrimonial and other litigation matters. Ms. Alterman is a Chartered Business Valuator (1997 - *achieved highest mark in Canada*) and Chartered Accountant (1995). She has completed the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in-depth tax course (1996), has a Master of Business Administration (1992), and is a member of the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Ontario and the Collaborative Family Law Practice of Toronto. Ms. Alterman has appeared as an expert witness in Ontario. Ms. Alterman is a consultant to DIVORCEmate software on the spousal support advisory guidelines. Ms. Alterman is co-author of *Financial Principles of Family Law*, Carswell Legal Publications 2001, contributing author to Law and Practice under the Family Law Act of Ontario, Revised Edition, and author of various articles and seminars for the legal and valuation communities.

Barbara Anderson, is a registered social worker who specializes in the area of family law. She acts as a “neutral facilitator” in collaborative law cases and non-collaborative cases and as a coach/therapist on collaborative legal files. She is a mediator/arbitrator, Parenting Coordinator and senior mediator who can “get to yes” to create Parenting Plans and agreements on cases including high conflict families. She is a supervisor at the Peel Family Mediation Service at the Peel Court and has been a clinical agent with the Office of the Children’s Lawyer for the past twenty years. She is a designated child custody and access expert in litigation matters related to children.

About the Symposium

Legal Professionals

You will learn

- **How to provide your client with information about other Collaborative Professionals**
- **How to build clear communications within the interdisciplinary team**
- **How to build the trust within the team structure**

Financial Professionals

You will learn

- **The importance of neutral communications**
- **Skills that will assist you in working with couples**
- **Team building**

Family Professionals

You will learn

- **The challenge of collaborative practice from a systemic perspective**
- **The role of the Family Professional as a neutral in the collaborative team**
- **Considerations in building an effective team**

Please join us for this unique learning experience.