

Road Map to Resolution Using Collaborative Law Process

1. Understand and Agree to the Process
 - A. Review and sign the participation agreement(s)
 - B. Review and agree to ground rules
2. Discuss Interests and Goals
3. Deal with Interim Issues
4. Gather Information
 - A. Decide what information is needed
 - B. Assign information gatherer(s)
 - C. Review shared information
 - D. Work through differences
5. Creatively Problem-Solve
 - A. Identify issues
 - B. Brainstorm options
 - C. Evaluate outcomes of each option
6. Negotiate Agreement
 - A. Compare expected outcomes of each option to parties' stated goals
 - B. Eliminate options that have outcomes that do not sufficiently meet important goals of either party
 - C. Narrow the options to those that meet the most important goals of both parties
 - D. Jointly determine the option that most closely meets the most important goals of both parties
7. Finalize Agreement