

## **ITHACA AREA COLLABORATIVE LAW PROFESSIONALS**

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Benefits of Membership:**

- Listing on IACLP web site as a member practitioner;
- Use of IACLP marketing materials;
- Membership in the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) with a bio page on the IACP web site, member discount for IACP forum, and receipt of “The Collaborative Review”;
- Informal mentoring by experienced attorneys to assist in the growth and development of your practice;
- Ongoing local training opportunities at a reduced fee;
- IACLP is a valuable alliance for networking with attorneys and other professionals who are committed to advancing the use of collaborative, non-adversarial strategies to help clients achieve agreements in a dignified and respectful manner.

#### **Requirements for Membership:**

1. Completion of a 2-day Introductory Collaborative Law training within past two years, or membership in another collaborative practice group;
2. Training in mediation is highly recommended;
3. Attendance at a minimum of 1 meeting per quarter (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at noon) see note below;
4. Completion of 4 hours of continuing collaborative law/skills training each year;
5. Payment of dues and signature and submission of the Pledge of commitment to upholding and maintaining the principles of Collaborative Law as they are set forth in the Participation Agreement;
6. Membership in the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP), (the cost of which is included in IACLP dues);
7. Successful completion of the requirements listed below for your Profession.

**Please Note:** Attendance at least twice every six months is mandatory. Attendance will be checked July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time website additions and deletions will occur. Any member who has not attended -in person or by phone- at least two meetings during January – June or July - December will be removed from the IACLP website as a participating professional. A medical or other extenuating circumstances exception may be granted by the IACLP at its discretion. There will be no refund of membership dues. A member may be added back on the website after attendance at two IACLP monthly meetings within a six month period.

### **Additional Requirements for Attorneys**

1. Declaration that you are a member in good standing of the New York State Bar.
2. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in matrimonial and/or family law or participation in the IACLP mentoring program.

### **Additional Requirements for Allied Professionals**

#### **Mental Health Professionals:**

1. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in your field;
2. Mental health professional license in the State of New York, in good standing, in one of the following:

PhD, PsyD - Psychology  
LCSW - Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
LMSW - Licensed Master Social Worker  
LMHC - Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
LMFT – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist  
MD - Psychiatry  
LEP - Licensed Educational Psychologist  
EdD- Education

3. Background, education and/or experience in one or more of the following:

Family systems orientation;  
Individual and family life cycle and development;  
Domestic violence;  
Substance abuse issues;  
Assessment of individual and family strengths;  
Assessment and challenges of family dynamics in separation and divorce;  
Challenges of restructuring families after separation;

Additional for Child Specialists: Expertise in child development, clinical experience with a specialty focus on children and an in-depth understanding of children's unique issues in divorce.

### **Financial Specialists:**

1. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in your field;
2. Professional license or designation in good standing in one or more of the following:  
  
CFP- Certified Financial Planner  
CPA- Certified Public Accountant  
CDFA- Certified Divorce Financial Analyst  
CMA- Certified Management Accountant  
CLU- Chartered Life Underwriter  
CMFC- Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor  
CHFC- Chartered Financial Consultant  
EA- Enrolled Agent
3. Background, education and/or experience in one or more of the following:  
  
Financial aspects of divorce;  
Cash management and spending plans;  
Retirement and pension plans;  
Income Tax;  
Investments;  
Insurance;  
Individual and family financial planning concepts.

### **Communication Facilitators / Mediators:**

1. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in your field;
2. A degree in Conflict Resolution or Professional training of at least 40 hours in family mediation with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in one or more of the following areas:  
  
Conflict resolution;  
Psychological issues in separation, divorce, and family dynamics;  
Issues and needs of children in divorce/separation;  
Mediation process and techniques;
3. Background, education and/or experience working with families experiencing separation or divorce, or equivalent on a case-by-case basis.

If you have fulfilled the foregoing requirements for membership, please complete the IACP membership application (available at [www.collaborativepractice.com](http://www.collaborativepractice.com)) and the written pledge below and return this page and the IACP membership application with your payment for one year's dues of \$325 (payable to Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals) to:

IACL  
c/o Linda Parks, CPA, CFP®  
115 West Dryden Road  
Freeville, NY 13068  
(607) 844-4852

Dues are not prorated by IACL if you are joining mid-year. \$100 of the \$325 is remitted on your behalf with your membership application to the IACP for one year of membership.\*

#### Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to comply with and to promote the spirit and written word of the principles of Collaborative Law as set forth in the Participation Agreement.

I will not participate in a collaborative case where all professionals have not gone through the 2-day Basic Introductory Collaborative Law training. (Rare exceptions may be granted, allowing the use of a non-collaboratively trained professional (legal, financial or mental health professional)). All exceptions must be approved by all the professionals and participants in the case. Additionally, the exception must be approved by two IACL members who are not active participants in the case.

I understand that a violation of the Principles of Collaborative Law may result in my no longer being a member of the IACL.

I certify that I meet the minimum requirements for membership in the IACL for my profession.

I pledge to uphold the continuing requirements of membership in the IACL during my membership, including attendance at monthly meetings at least once during each quarter (i.e. once every three months).

If renewing, the training(s) I attended in the past year \_\_\_\_\_

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I am already a member of IACP in good standing. My membership with IACP is through \_\_\_\_\_ practice group.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new member, please email your name and contact information, as you would like it to appear on the IACL web page, ([www.collab-law.com](http://www.collab-law.com)) to: Iska Ziver at [iziver@verizon.net](mailto:iziver@verizon.net).

\* If you are already a member of IACP and maintain that membership through another practice group, the dues for IACL are \$225.00.