

ITHACA AREA COLLABORATIVE LAW PROFESSIONALS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of Membership:

1. Listing on IACLP web site as an active member and practitioner and use of IACLP marketing materials;
2. Membership in the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) with a presence with a bio page on the IACP web site, and receipt of “The Collaborative Review”;
3. Informal mentoring by experienced attorneys to assist in the growth and development of your practice;
4. Ongoing training opportunities at a reduced fee;
5. 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 8 or more of 12 monthly meetings of IACLP per year (3rd Wednesday of every month at noon);
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 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).

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:

1. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in your field;

For Mental Health Professionals:

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
MFT - Marriage and Family Therapist
MD - Psychiatry
LEP - Licensed Educational Psychologist

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;
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.

For Financial Specialists:

2. Professional license or designation in good standing in one of the following:

CFP- Certified Financial Planner
CPA- Certified Public Accountant
CDFA- Certified Divorce Financial Analyst
CMA- Certified Management Accountant
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 planning concepts.

For Communication Facilitators / Mediators / Coaches:

2. Professional training of at least 40 hours in family mediation with a minimum of five (5) years in the following areas:

Conflict resolution theory;
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 in family law, including custody, support, asset evaluation and distribution, taxation as it relates to 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) and the written pledge below and return this page and the IACP membership application with your payment for one year's dues of \$225 (payable to Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals) to:

IACLPL c/o
R. James Miller, Esq.
Miller Mayer, LLP
202 East State Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 273-4200

Dues are not prorated by IACLPL if you are joining mid-year. \$100 of the \$225 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 both attorneys are not members in good standing of an association of collaborative law professionals with substantially the same requirements for membership as there are for membership in the IACLPL.

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

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

I pledge to uphold the continuing requirements of membership in the IACLPL during my membership.

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

_____ 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 IACLPL web page, (www.collab-law.com), to: Iska Ziver at iziver@verizon.net.

* If you are already a member of IACP and maintain that membership through another practice group, the dues for IACLPL are \$125.00.