

# 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 discounts, access to free webinars, 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 (2nd 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.