## **Divorce and Privacy**

## Divorce can be a public affair

**Information in a traditional, litigated divorce is not private**. Multiple motions (some with affidavits alleging bad behavior attached), pleadings, lists of assets, and sworn statements are all filed with the court clerk. Hearings are held in open court for which transcripts are made. For some people, that is not a concern.

## You have options that can protect your privacy in divorce

Protecting privacy has developed into one of the most important advantages of Collaborative Law. Almost everyone has an interest in keeping some information out of the public eye. Details about people's personal lives, habits, health and relationships are generally considered not to be for publication. Likewise, business executives and professionals do not want friends, relatives or competitors to know details about their business or profession.

## The Collaborative Law Approach

The Collaborative Law model provides a safe, private venue for clients who must deal with family law matters. Minimal paperwork is filed with the court. The only time anyone goes to court in a Collaborative case is to seek a divorce on terms to which the husband and wife have already agreed.