

2005 Collaborative Law Spring Retreat
March 3-5, 2005 • Four Seasons Hotel • Austin, TX

Friday Morning, Mar. 4, 2005

Presiding Officer:

Mike Gregory, Denton Family Law - Denton, TX

9:10 am 0.32 hr	Special Remarks Kelly Frels, Bracewell & Patterson - Houston, TX
9:30 am 0.32 hr	Leadership and Self-Renewal for Collaborative Professionals “Evolution”: a process in which something passes by degrees to a different stage (especially a more advanced or mature stage). The evolution of family law by way of the collaborative process has been dramatic and positive—for attorneys who practice family law and for couples who are facing divorce. Having practiced family law for over 35 years, I have witnessed the evolution of family law and I see in the future an even greater role for the collaborative process. Thomas L. Ausley, Ausley Algert Robertson & Flores - Austin, TX
10:05 am 1.75 hrs	Workshop: Non-Adversarial Communication: The Essence of Collaboration Non-adversarial communication makes collaboration possible by creating understanding and shifting people from seeing the other as the enemy to seeing the other as human. Thomas Bache-Wiig, Connection Partners, Inc. - Boulder, CO Arlene Brownell, Connection Partners, Inc. - Boulder, CO

Friday Afternoon, Mar. 4, 2005

Presiding Officer:

Jennifer A. Broussard, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX

1:45 pm 1.00 hr	Practice Development Linda Rollins-Threats, Carrollton, TX Tracy B. Stewart, CPA, CFP, CDFA, Stewart Financial Consulting - College Station, TX Ruth Lavada Vernier, Law Office Of Ruth Lavada Vernier - The Woodlands, TX
3:00 pm 1.00 hr	Managing Client Relationships Love, Loss and Logistics: Finding a common language for clients; Keeping the Train on the Tracks when the Wheels Fall Off; Boundaries, Boundaries, Boundaries. Kevin R. Fuller, Koons, Fuller, VandenEykel & Robertson, - Dallas, TX Linda Solomon, LPC, LMFT, Collaborative Consultant - Dallas, TX Jennifer Tull, Law Offices of Jennifer Tull - Austin, TX

4:00 pm
0.00 hr
1.00 hr ethics

Protocols

I. Protocols of Practice for Collaborative Family Lawyers II. Protocols of Practice for Collaborative Mental Health Professionals III. Protocols of Practice for Collaborative Financial Professionals

Scott D. Clarke, Clarke Divorce Financial Consultants - Bedford, TX
Gay Gayle Cox, Attorney at Law - Dallas, TX
Deborah Slye Miller, Deborah Slye Miller PC - Dallas, TX
R. Maureen Tolbert, Law Office Of R. Maureen Tolbert, Esq. - Fort Worth, TX
Lynn Davis Ward, Ward Staev Fisk & Arnold, LLC - Dallas, TX
John A. Zervopoulos, Dallas, TX

Saturday Morning, Mar. 5, 2005

Presiding Officer:

Richard C. Price, Attorney at Law - Fort Worth, TX

9:00 am
1.00 hr

The Evolution of Collaborative Practice

Rapid changes are occurring in collaborative law. Some lawyers are devoting their practices exclusively to collaborative law. Meanwhile, young attorneys are embracing the subject with wide acceptance. Don't miss this presentation to get a sense of where the collaborative law movement is heading.

Kristen A. Algert, Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, LLP - Austin, TX
Bret A. Bosker, Peltier, Bosker, & Griffin, P.C. - Houston, TX
Melinda L. Eitzen, McClure, Duffee & Eitzen - Plano, TX
Angela G. Pence, Tindall & Foster, P.C. - Houston, TX
Stefani E. Shapiro, Schlanger Mills Mayer Silver - Houston, TX
Harry L. Tindall, Tindall & Foster, P.C. - Houston, TX
Jennifer Tull, Law Offices of Jennifer Tull - Austin, TX

10:00 am
1.50 hrs

Negotiation Workshop

The aim of this workshop is to help participants improve their skills in negotiation, joint decision-making, and joint problem-solving. To achieve these goals, the workshop will introduce a conceptual model of the basic elements of negotiation and demonstrate their use with various examples and role plays. Participants will have the opportunity to negotiate case exercises to enrich their understanding of the concepts. The workshop will also focus upon suggesting ways to train clients in negotiating techniques, enabling clients to function as equally skilled negotiating partners in the collaborative process.

Mark R. Otis, Dallas, TX

Saturday Afternoon, Mar. 5, 2005

Presiding Officer:

Donald R. Royall, The Royalls PC - Houston, TX

1:00 pm
1.50 hrs

Negotiation Workshop, Continued (Audio)

Mark R. Otis, Dallas, TX