

Contract for Legal Services

I hereby contract with and employ (name of attorney) to represent me for the exclusive and limited purpose of a Collaborative Divorce. I agree that the scope of the services for such representation is limited to the following:

1. Initial consultation
2. Individual telephone conferences as necessary to prepare for sessions with Dr. Lepage
3. Review of documents
4. A five-way conference at the conclusion of sessions with Dr. Lepage
5. Preparation and review of a Marital Settlement Agreement
6. Filing a Divorce Complaint and obtaining a Divorce Decree
7. Filing of the final Divorce Decree

The fee for such representation is \$750 paid in advance. This fee does not include fees that may be incurred for such things as Qualified Domestic Relations Orders or Quitclaim Deeds. (Qualified Domestic Relations Orders are court orders necessary to divide pension or retirement benefits and Quitclaim deeds are deeds necessary to convey interests in real property, such as a home, to or from the other spouse.) The fee is also exclusive of court filing and service fees for the divorce decree, which are typically \$95. Fees for services beyond the agreed scope shall be contracted for separately from this agreement.

I understand that the above fee was set based on an understanding that my case will proceed pursuant to Collaborative Law Principles. I agree to sign a Pledge to Participate in the Collaborative Law Process (the "Pledge") which shall be provided to me separately from this contract for legal services. I further agree that this contract is contingent upon my spouse also signing the Pledge, and if my spouse retains legal representation, then my spouse's attorney must also sign the pledge. If one or both of them fail or refuse to sign the Pledge, then the fee established for this matter is subject to renegotiation, and either I or (name of attorney) can choose not to go forward with the representation.

I understand that I may terminate (name of attorney) services at any time, however, such termination will not cause a refund of fees paid at the time of termination. I also understand that (name of attorney) may terminate his/her services if I fail to reasonably cooperate in the process, including but not limited to failing to provide timely and accurate information or failing to cooperate in the scheduling and convening of conferences.

This the ____ day of Month, 2005.
