

LSPR 94.12 COLLABORATIVE LAW PROCESS

(a) Commencement. Parties to a family law action may enter a Collaborative Law Participation Agreement and, upon filing of a Notice of Participation in Collaborative Law by both parties, the action may be removed from the case management processes by court order.

(b) Effect. Upon removal of a family law action from the case management processes, the parties to the action may be excused by court order from orientation, settlement conferences, and mediation, for a period of 9 months from the date the Petition for Dissolution was filed or the date the Notice was filed. Entry into this Agreement shall not excuse completion of the Parenting Seminar required by LSPR 94.06 by parties with children. If the parties return to the case management processes, the parties' participation in Collaborative Law shall satisfy the mediation requirements.

(c) Termination. Upon completion or termination of the Collaborative Law process, a Notice of Withdrawal from Participation in Collaborative Law shall be filed with the court.

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