

## **INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATORY REMARKS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORMS 12.985(a-g) COLLABORATIVE DISSOLUTION PROCESS FORMS (10/20)**

The purpose of these forms is to serve as a general guide for attorneys engaged in a Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage matter and a potential source of information for non-lawyers and participants in the process seeking to better understand the Collaborative Law Process for a Dissolution of Marriage.

The forms presented supplement Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.745 and Part III of Chapter 61, Florida Statutes, regarding the Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage. Additionally, the “Explanation of Collaborative Law Process” and other forms satisfy the requirements of Florida Bar Rule of Professional Conduct 4-1.19 for disclosure by Collaborative law attorneys to clients regarding the Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage matters.

### **Where can I look for more information?**

Considering that the Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage in Florida is not designed to be a *pro se* process, specially trained Collaborative attorneys will be involved in every case, usually with specially trained financial and mental health neutrals participating as part of the Collaborative Team to assist the parties in reaching a peaceful and amicable dissolution of their marriage. The attached forms are not intended to be all inclusive for every form for every situation or issue that might be needed in a Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage. The many collaborative law practice groups throughout the state and the state-wide Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals have websites with additional information and forms, as well as, members who are available to provide mentoring and assistance with access to the many training programs in the Collaborative Practice that are offered throughout each year at various locations around the state of Florida.

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