

## **Divorce Doesn't Have to Be Bitter or Costly, Collaborative Divorce Attorney Marcy Jones Writes in New Book**

### **“Graceful Divorce Solutions” Shows Couples How to Divorce with Dignity**

Lynchburg, Va., January 10, 2012 – Couples can use a relative new - and largely unknown - legal alternative to divorce called “[Collaborative Divorce](#)” to put an amicable end to their marriages.

“The legal system is broken. It does so much damage to people and families,” said [M. Marcy Jones](#), an attorney specializing in the emerging legal field of collaborative divorce and award-winning author of “[Graceful Divorce Solutions](#),” which won the “Best Book” award from USA Book News. “People think they will get justice or a fair hearing. That seldom happens.”

However, in a collaborative divorce, couples have more control over their divorce process, and so there is less trauma.

“If they do a collaborative divorce instead of a conventional divorce, they have better relationships. I want to educate people that this option is out there,” said Jones who also is a divorce columnist for the Huffington Post.

Collaborative law is the newest divorce dispute-resolution process. The key difference between [collaborative law](#) and [conventional divorce](#) is the clients’ pledge to reach an agreement without going to court. It is a client-centered and client-controlled process that focuses on “[interest based negotiation](#)” rather than the traditional [positional bargaining](#) process. The goal of collaboration is to develop respectful relationships, solve problems together, and prevent a battle in court. In order to accomplish this, the parties agree in writing that they *will not* go to court.

“I believe it is possible - and necessary - for our society to learn how to do divorce better. My intention is to help make that happen,” she said. “Fortunately, there are creative and compassionate alternatives to the “divorce as usual” model.”

Whether couples choose collaboration or another process like mediation, “Graceful Divorce Solutions” provides the resources and knowledge to have the most graceful divorce possible and to create the best relationship possible with your spouse after the divorce.

“This book will inform you, support you, and give you the critical information you need to be a proactive player in this process. It will definitely save you time, money, and your sanity!” she said.

“Graceful Divorce Solutions is a Godsend for divorcing couples. It will help you go through this wrenching process with your soul – and your wallet, intact,” said Christiane Northrup, M.D.

Her book and website answer such questions as:

- [What is Collaborative Law?](#)
- [Collaborative Process at a Glance](#)
- [What is the Collaborative Divorce Team?](#)
- [Who are the Collaborative Team Members and what are their roles?](#)
- [Why is the Collaborative Process better than other methods to resolve a divorce?](#)
- [How is Collaborative Law different from Mediation?](#)
- [How is Collaborative Divorce different from Divorce Litigation?](#)
- [What happens if one side or the other plays “hide the ball,” or is dishonest in some way?](#)
- [Is Collaborative Divorce the best choice for me?](#)
- [How do I find a collaborative lawyer?](#)
- [Is the Collaborative divorce process expensive?](#)

“[Collaborative Divorce](#) is worth considering if you and your spouse want to effectively co-parent your children and you want the best co-parenting relationship possible in order to protect your children from the harm associated with litigated dispute resolution between parents,” she said. This process uses a problem-solving approach and all communication is open and constructive. The proceedings are kept private.

Collaborative lawyers generally charge by the hour, as do conventional family lawyers, and rates vary according to experience. A rule of thumb is that a collaborative case will cost significantly less than a fully litigated case.

“It’s fair to say that collaboration is the most efficient and economical conflict resolution process for the broadest range of clients, and that litigation is, quite simply, the most expensive way of resolving a dispute,” she said.

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