



## COLLABORATIVE LAW

Collaborative law has many of the advantages of mediation and also includes constant support from the collaborative lawyers.

### Why Paris Smith

We have long been recognised as one of the leading providers of family law services in the South. Collaborative law has grown rapidly in recent years. Our seven qualified collaborative lawyers are at the forefront of this developing area.

### Why collaborative law?

Collaborative law is the preferred choice of many couples who want to ensure that matters are settled away from the court.

The courts and the threat of litigation are excluded from the process, and all negotiations take place openly in a series of face to face meetings between clients and their lawyers.

Collaborative law is ideally suited to cases involving children as it is faster and more family focused than other more traditional ways of resolving matters.

Advantages include:

- Negotiations are very open as a result of the face to face meetings
- Similarly to mediation it is non-adversarial, voluntary and puts you in control of the process, preserving relations between you and your spouse
- You have the support of your collaborative lawyer

throughout the process

- Other professionals such as accountants, financial advisors or family therapists can be brought into the meetings where appropriate.

### Watch our film

Please return to the family page of our website to watch a short film on collaborative law in practice. The couple in this film are real-life graduates of the collaborative law process and have agreed to share their experiences. In it they talk about the process itself, some of the difficult issues in their case and what the process has meant for their future as a family.

### Find out more

Please contact us to discuss your requirements or to find out more.



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