

Collaborative Process Expectations

The Collaborative Process is designed to help families resolve issues outside of court through transparency, respectful communication, and problem-solving. To help establish expectations at the outset of the process, please note the following:

Transparency

The Collaborative Team can only address concerns that are communicated. Concerns relating to children's well-being, safety, emotional escalation, process viability, mediation, settlement discussions, or the continuation of the Collaborative Process may need to be shared with the appropriate professionals and, when necessary, the Collaborative Team even when initially raised in an individual communication.

Communication

Email is my primary method of communication. Text messaging is used primarily for appointment reminders and scheduling and is not a regularly monitored communication channel. Text messages should not be used for substantive legal concerns or matters requiring a response.

Response Times

I generally review and respond to communications during normal business hours. I do not routinely monitor communications during evenings, weekends, or holidays.

Urgent vs. Important

Many concerns during a separation or divorce feel urgent in the moment. Part of my role is helping distinguish between legal emergencies, process concerns, and issues that benefit from thoughtful evaluation before action is taken. Not every concern requires an immediate response, but every concern deserves thoughtful consideration. Immediate safety emergencies should be directed to emergency services rather than communicated by email or text.

My Role

My goal is to provide legal guidance, structure, and support throughout the process. I believe clients are best served when concerns are addressed thoughtfully, professionally, and transparently rather than through immediate reactions driven by conflict, frustration, or fear.

Shared Goal

The Collaborative Process works best when participants communicate concerns openly, trust the professional team to address those concerns appropriately, and remain focused on reaching informed and durable resolutions.