

The Collaborative Process: A Guide for Separating Couples

The Role of a Neutral Financial Professional

In cases involving extensive or complex family assets, including business assets, it may be necessary to include a Financial Specialist as part of the collaborative team. Depending on the need, the Financial Specialist may be a pensions expert, accountant, financial planner or other professional financial specialist trained in collaborative practice.

The Financial Specialist's role is to act as a neutral expert, working for both members of the couple, who does not "take sides". He or she is a professional who helps you gather, organise, list, understand and analyse financial data relevant to your divorce or separation.

His/her role is to inform and educate you about the decisions you are considering and help you develop creative solutions to complex financial problems. The goal is to help you reach an educated, informed, financially viable and mutually satisfying agreement that you can live with.