

## **Build Your Future: Using the Collaborative Process to Negotiate Cohabitation Agreements / Marriage Contracts.**

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The objective of the workshop is to explore the use and possible modification of the Collaborative Process for negotiating the terms of Cohabitation Agreements and Marriage Contracts. We examine the role of each professional on the team in addressing the challenges presented given the influence of interested third parties, and given the financial, legal, and emotional complexities of the family situation. We reflect on the key features of a successful marriage contract; it reflects the couple's values and acknowledges the relationship they are building together; it provides a full and clear picture of the family's financial situation and the clients understand and agree with the legal consequences of the agreement after consideration of the alternatives.