

SOME CURIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT HOPES AND FEARS

- When you fear the worst about this divorce, what specific things do you imagine?
- If you allowed yourself to hope for the very best divorce process, what would that look like for you? For your children? Your spouse?
- What do you think your spouse's main hopes and fears might be?
- What will the biggest challenge in this divorce be?
- How would your spouse answer that question?
- Have you told your children about the divorce? What did you tell them?
- What is the worst thing that your spouse will tell his/her lawyer about you? What's the best thing?
- When you fight, what do you fight about? How do you fight? How do you make up?
- Have any recent arguments or disagreements led to solutions?
- Why are you interested in collaborative practice?
- How important is it to you that your spouse do well in the divorce, provided you also do well?
- If your major goals and needs are met in a settlement, would it matter to you if your spouse did as well as or better than you? Why?
- If you and your spouse each met your most important goals in your divorce settlement, to what extent would it matter to you that you might have done better in court in a traditional representation?
- How would we know that we had met your highest expectations for a good process and outcome?