

## COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE COMPATIBILITY TOOL

We want to help you to select the most suitable divorce process. Please provide your feelings about the 12 statements below so we can help you make that selection. There are no wrong answers.

**Please check   the box that best matches your feeling about each statement.**

*(Please leave the shaded column blank)*

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	LEAVE BLANK
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	I have accepted that this divorce is going to happen						
2	I believe it is very important that our children maintain a strong and healthy relationship with both parents.						
3	In order to achieve my <i>most</i> important goals, I am willing to let go of less-important short-term issues						
4	I am capable of committing to work to achieve the best possible outcome						
5	I am willing to talk with my spouse honestly and openly about important issues						
6	I am willing to try to see things from my spouse's point of view in order to achieve the best possible outcome						
7	My ability to achieve a successful outcome in the divorce will primarily depend on the decisions I make						
8	I believe it is possible for my spouse and me to restore enough trust in each other to achieve a successful outcome						
9	I am willing to commit myself fully to resolving the issues by working towards common interests						
10	It is important to me that my spouse and I maintain a respectful and/or effective relationship after the divorce						
11	I am willing to honor agreements that I make with my spouse.						
12	I believe my spouse is willing to honor agreements that my spouse makes with me.						

## **INTERPRETATION**

Be sure to review specific responses for areas for further inquiry.

### **If Question #2 IS Answered:**

- 48-60      Excellent chance that collaborative process is a good fit if spouse answers similarly. Coaches beneficial.
- 36-47      Good candidate for collaborative process. Coaches highly beneficial.
- 30-35      Borderline candidate for collaborative process. Client needs to be willing to do a lot of work. Coaches mandatory.
- 0-29      Client will likely get frustrated with collaborative process, as well as available alternatives. Collaborative process will only be suitable if client is willing to make very significant changes in his/her perspective.

### **If Question #2 IS NOT Answered:**

- 44-55      Excellent chance that collaborative process is a good fit if spouse answers similarly. Coaches beneficial.
- 32-43      Good candidate for collaborative process. Coaches highly beneficial.
- 27-31      Borderline candidate for collaborative process. Client needs to be willing to do a lot of work. Coaches mandatory.
- 0-27      Client will likely get frustrated with collaborative process, as well as available alternatives. Collaborative process will only be suitable if client is willing to make very significant changes in his/her perspective.