

New Jersey Collaborative Law Group
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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Application Fee: \$250.00 (non-refundable) **Annual Dues:** \$300.00 – Practitioner & Advisor
\$200.00 – Associate

Please send completed Applications along with non-refundable Application Fee to:

Nancy Andreasen
25 University Avenue
Chatham, NJ 07928

Any questions: Please contact Christine Dalena, Membership Chairperson
at (973) 285-1444.

PART 1 – General Information

Name: _____ Profession: _____
Firm Name: _____ Title: _____
Office Address: _____ Home Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Office Fax: _____ Home Fax: _____
Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please indicate your primary address for our directory listing: Address: Office ___ Home ___
NJCLG may publish the following phone numbers: Office ___ Home ___ Cell ___ Fax ___
NJCLG may publish my email address: Yes ___ No ___

Area of Expertise: _____ **Attach your Resume or Curriculum Vitae**

NJCLG Committees: Please indicate the committee(s) that may be of interest to you:
___ Education ___ Newsletter/Blog ___ General Meeting Coordination
___ Standards & Practice ___ Membership ___ Peer Mentoring
___ Marketing ___ Website

I have the following language skills and I am willing to provide translation services to our members: _____.

PART II – Education and Training

Post-secondary Education - Institution	Degree	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Mediation Training – Course Format (Attach Certificate(s))	Date	No. of Credits
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Collaborative Training – Course Format (Attach Certificate(s))	Date	No. of Credits
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other Training, Certifications or Accreditations (**Attach Certificate(s)**)

List all professional licenses held by you, current and in the past (**Attach Certificate(s)**)

Description	State of Issuance	Date First Issued	Current Standing
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Attorneys’ area of practice: Family Law _____ Civil _____ Estate _____ Other _____

Mental Health Professional’s areas of practice: Child Specialist _____ Divorce Coach _____

Note: Members serving as Child Specialists must be licensed to practice independently and be experienced in evaluating and working with children and their families.

Financial Professional’s areas of practice: Financial Planning _____ Business Valuations _____

Please indicate the number of years of practice in your field: _____

In New Jersey or any other jurisdiction:

- A. Has your license to practice any profession ever been suspended or revoked: No ___ Yes ___*
- B. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a crime or misdemeanor: No ___ Yes ___*
- C. Are you aware of any pending disciplinary action against you? No ___ Yes ___*
- D. Are you requesting waiver(s) of any of the requirements for acceptance? No ___ Yes ___*

* If yes, please provide an explanation of a separate sheet of paper. If yes, for question D above, please identify the requirement(s) which you request to be waived, and the reasons why the Board should grant such a waiver. Note that a “yes” to any of the above questions will **not** automatically disqualify you from earning accreditation.

PART III – Member Requirements

I understand that the requirements of membership include the following:

I. PRACTITIONER

Practitioners are members who meet the following qualifications, which include attorneys, mental health professionals and financial professionals. Practitioners are listed in all member directories and on the NJCLG Website when all training is completed.

Attorneys

1. Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey and in good standing;
2. Must have a minimum of three years, post licensure, of relevant experience in the area of practice for which you will be engaged in the collaborative practice (i.e., 3 years of family law for collaborative divorce);
3. Must have completed a minimum of 16 hours of collaborative law training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
4. Must have completed a minimum of 30 hours of mediation training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
5. Must participate in continuing education in the fields of family law, mediation or collaborative law for a minimum of 4 hours per year; and
6. Must be a current member in the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners.

Mental Health Professionals

1. Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey and have a designation of Ph.D., Psy.D., Ed.D. (licensed psychologist); LCSW; LMFT; LPC or Psychiatrist (MD or DO);
2. Must have a minimum of 3 years, post licensure, of relevant experience as a therapist and be licensed to practice independently;

3. Must have completed a minimum of 16 hours of collaborative law training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
4. Must have completed a minimum of 30 hours of mediation training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
5. Must participate in continuing education in the fields of family law, mediation or collaborative law for a minimum of 4 hours per year; and
6. Must be a current member in the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners.

Financial Professionals

1. Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey and/or have a designation of CFP, CPA, CMA, ASA or ABV;
2. Must have a minimum of 3 years, post licensure, of relevant experience;
3. Must have completed a minimum of 16 hours of collaborative law training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
4. Must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of mediation training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
5. Must participate in continuing education in the fields of family law, mediation or collaborative law for a minimum of 4 hours per year; and
6. Must be a current member in the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners.

II. ASSOCIATE **

Associates are members who are attorneys, mental health professionals and financial professionals who have not completed the years of relevant experience with 12 months of being admitted to membership. Associates attend meetings, gain education and experience through the NJCLG, but are not listed on the NJCLG directories, including the website.

1. Must have completed all requirements listed above for their profession, but have not yet gained the years of required experience.
2. Must participate in continuing education in the fields of family law, mediation or collaborative law for a minimum of 4 hours per year; and
3. Must be a current member in the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners.
4. No member may continue as an Associate beyond three years.

III. ADVISOR

Advisors are members who simply support the ideals and goals of collaborative divorce. Their expertise is varied and may support collaborative clients in unique ways, for instance, realtors, life coaches, handymen.

1. Must be licensed in their area of expertise, if applicable;
2. Must have completed a minimum of 16 hours of collaborative law training to be completed within 12 months of being admitted to membership;
3. Must participate in continuing education in the fields of family law, mediation or collaborative law for a minimum of 4 hours per year; and

4. Must be a current member in the International Association of Collaborative Practitioners.
5. Advisors are not required to have any mediation training, but it is recommended that they have a minimum of 8 hours of training.

** Should an applicant believe they have an exception to the requirement of years of practice, please submit a letter of explanation together with any documentation to be reviewed by the Membership Committee.

I hereby apply for membership as:

PRACTITIONER _____ ASSOCIATE _____

in the New Jersey Collaborative Law Group (NJCLG). I hereby represent that I am a New Jersey licensed attorney or other qualified professional in good standing; that I am familiar with and support the goals, purposes and philosophy of the NJCLG and when accepted to membership, I agree to abide the Bylaws, as well as rules, protocols or practice, and regulations promulgated by its Executive Board.

ADVISOR _____

in the New Jersey Collaborative Law Group (NJCLG). I hereby represent that I am a professional in good standing with any applicable licensing authority; that I am familiar with and support the goals, purposes and philosophy of the NJCLG and when accepted to membership, I agree to abide the Bylaws, as well as rules, protocols or practice, and regulations promulgated by its Executive Board.

I will strive to encourage collaborative law in my family practice. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements may result in the suspension of my membership.

I affirm that all of the information submitted is true and accurate and shall be relied upon by NJCLG in reviewing my application for membership. Any negative change of status during the application process or subsequent to acceptance as a member shall be brought to the attention of NJCLG immediately.

Date

Signature

Please note:

Memberships will not be granted or continued to anyone who is under sanctions or exclusion by any duly authorized enforcement agency, licensing and/or disciplinary authority; or

Providing incorrect information, withholding information or presenting materially false information is grounds for not approving membership or revoking membership.

Application Check list

- Completed and signed Application
- Non-refundable application Fee of \$250.00
- Refundable Annual Dues of \$300.00 (Practitioners & Advisors) (\$200.00 Associates)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Collaborative Training Certificate(s)
- Mediation Training Certificate(s)
- Certificates from other training, certifications or accreditations