

## **Principles and Guidelines for Collaborative Family Law**

### **IV. Attorneys' Role and Fees**

- We understand that each attorney is independent from the other attorney and has been retained solely by his or her client in the Collaborative Law process.
- We agree that our attorneys are entitled to be paid for their services, and that the allocation of marital assets to compensate our attorneys will be resolved in this Collaborative Law process. We agree to make funds available for this purpose.
- We understand that the attorneys' role is to provide is to provide an organized framework that will facilitate and assist us in reaching agreements. That the attorneys will help us communicate with each other, identify issues, collect and help interpret data, locate experts, ask questions, make observations, suggest options, help us express our needs, goals, interests, and feelings, check the workability of proposed solutions, and prepare and file all documents for the court.