

IS A COOPERATIVE DIVORCE RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Are you more interested in moving on with your life than in perpetuating a marital battle in court?
- Do you want to be in control of your future, including custody and financial support issues, rather than relying on a court's decision?
- Do you want your divorce to be between you and your spouse and not aired in public?
- Do you want to end the emotional battle—the anger, upset and fighting?
- Do you want to be treated with respect and dignity during your divorce process?

If you have children:

- Do you feel your children are your primary responsibility when making financial plans?
- Do you want to preserve your children's emotional health during and after the divorce?
- Do you want your children to be able to invite both their parents to all the special events in their life?

“My friends were amazed that such an approach could work so effectively, without all the drama. A respectful divorce does require two willing parties, but it also requires counsel who will walk that line with them.”

- M., Woodinville, WA



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Karin Quirk is a Family Law Attorney who helps couples divorce with respect and dignity. As a seasoned divorce attorney, Karin has seen the emotional trauma, expense and bitterness created by traditional divorce litigation. She believes that through a Cooperative Divorce process, couples can feel empowered to resolve their differences in a respectful manner, while protecting their children from the trauma of court and custody battles and better preparing themselves to begin a new life.

Karin helps her clients experience a better way of divorcing. She does this by assessing her clients' current relationship, the complexity of their issues and works with them to define and achieve their goals for their financial, personal and professional future. This may be accomplished by using collaborative law, negotiation or merely guiding couples through the legal process.

Karin is a member of:

- King County Collaborative Law
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- Association for Conflict Resolution



Control the Process

There is no “one size fits all” solution to ending a marriage. With a Cooperative Divorce, you have more control over resolutions and settlements that suit your personal values, goals and needs. Unlike traditional divorces, a court doesn’t dictate your future—you do!

The benefits of a Cooperative Divorce:

- Helps you maintain your sense of integrity and respect
- Saves you money and emotional energy
- Works within your time frame not the lawyers’



Preserve Your Privacy

Do you want your divorce to be between you and your spouse and not have your relationship aired in public? In a typical divorce all your private information becomes public record through court documents. A Cooperative Divorce can help you preserve your privacy.

Benefits to you:

- The terms of your settlement are not filed with the court
- Employers are not involved in the discovery process
- Family, friends and co-workers are not pulled into your divorce



Protect Your Children

Children can be emotionally scarred by a high conflict divorce. Cooperative Divorce allows you to put your children’s emotional, financial and future needs first, insuring they are a priority not a casualty.

The benefits to your children:

- Reduces the negative emotional impact of divorce
- Allows for better relationships with both parents
- Provides better modeling for conflict resolution

“The success of a marriage should not be judged upon whether it lasts or ends but on how much growth it has afforded us.” -Tim Jenkins, Family Therapist, Redmond, WA