



Sitting down with Anna-Marie Musson, Principal at Musson Law Toronto

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Aнна-Marie Musson always wanted to work in a profession that would allow her to help people AND utilize her degree in psychology.

The now successful Toronto lawyer practices the specialized approach to divorce known as Collaborative Law, which is changing the way that people get divorced. She knows through personal experience that the often bitter battlefield of divorce doesn't have to be as toxic and combative as people fear.

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“I literally couldn't find a lawyer to handle the divorce between myself and my former spouse,” says Anna-Marie.

“I interviewed lawyers that were high-profile, low-profile and experienced, yet they all wanted to make my divorce complicated. But my former husband and I had already agreed on most major points and were in the enviable position of being amicable. Yet every lawyer we met seemed to lean towards the old fashioned adversarial approach.

It was at that moment Anna-Marie knew there had to be a better way. There must be a collaborative approach to divorce

that, when possible, preserves relationships and minimizes negative impact on children, negates the need for costly legal fees, and avoids the financial black hole of going to court, which ultimately gives control of almost everything to a third party... the judge.

Now, Anna-Marie proudly uses her years of experience and formal training in this somewhat new and relatively unknown category of Collaborative Law to ease the pain for her clients, preserve their assets, guide parenting arrangements and save them thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal fees and financially crippling court battles.

She always tells potential clients the two most important decisions they will make involve picking the right lawyer and picking the right process. Ultimately, decisions that will in many ways impact the rest of their lives.

When you hire Anna-Marie, you don't just get a seasoned lawyer and litigator. You also get the services of specialized professionals such as a Social Worker to meet with children and parents and a Financial Neutral who sorts through the assets, liabilities and income maze to simplify and bring mutual understanding between the separating partners.

“A lot of lawyers say they collaborate, but they don't.. and they don't have formal collaborative law training” says Anna-Marie. “I put my clients first and help them through a journey that is difficult in so many ways”.

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“i don't want my kids to hate me, that's what the parents always say” according to Anna-Marie. And her goal is to ensure the already stressful and painful process doesn't become toxic.

At Musson Law, that is among the top principles driving the collaborative process. There is a sincere desire to come to resolution, with minimal emotional impact and less cost than traditional adversarial processes.

The hardest part is making the first call to a lawyer. With Anna-Marie, that first consultation costs nothing and making the call doesn't always mean that you are ready to get divorced. It's all about giving the prospective client the legal understanding and information needed to help them decide whether to proceed.

And Anna-Marie says client reaction at the end of that first call is almost always the same.. “Thank you, for making me feel better about this process.”

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