

Collaborative Solutions: coping with the recession

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An article in The Times on Line on January 9th 2010 (entitled 'Breaking up is even harder to do in a recession') highlights that those embarking on a matrimonial split in 2010 should prepare for a longer and more acrimonious slog than normal. It warns that difficulties in selling houses, negative equity hell and not being able to afford to move out are forcing more people to carry on living together in very difficult family circumstances.

Couples who choose the collaborative option when facing family separation will be able to create their own tailor made solution which can cater for the challenges of the current economy. Collaborative couples have the flexibility to agree outcomes which a Judge would not necessarily order and can work together to find a solution which can be kept under review and amended or refined at a later date as financial circumstances alter.

Lawyers, independent financial advisors, parenting coaches and other experts can support a family in crisis to restructure, despite the recession, in a way that makes financial sense and which promotes the wellbeing of their children.

Remember that the collaborative option will ensure that you stay in control of the process and the outcome, promoting the interests of your separating family and ensuring that it stays intact despite the separation.