MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2025/2026

Membership with *Okanagan Collaborative Family Law Group* provides opportunities for referrals through website listings, group networking; information at meetings, social events, workshops and annual training or retreat.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ **Prov:** _____ **Postal:** _____

Tel: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email:_____ _____ (this is our primary means of communication with members)

Membership Category:

Current members must have completed all qualifications below by September 2025 to renew membership. New/Training members must complete all qualifications required for their professional designation within one year of membership.

☐ Current Member ☐ New / Training Member

Membership Fee:

If received before October 31, the fee is $450 per year for lawyers and financial specialists, with a $50 reduction if the applicant is a member of IACP ($150 membership). If received after October 31, the membership fee is $500 this year for lawyers and financial specialists.

If received before October 31, the fee is $250 per year for coaches, with a $50 reduction if the applicant is a member of IACP ($150 membership). If received after October 31, the fee is $300 per year.

New: non-practicing lawyers will pay a reduced fee of $150.00 to participate in our meetings and social activities

Payment Method:

- ☐ Cheque enclosed (payable to the *Okanagan Collaborative Family Law Group)*
- ☐ *E-transfer (send to payments@collaborativefamilylaw.ca) Please make the question: What City are we located in? and the answer: Kelowna.*

Qualifications:

Lawyers must have completed both of the following courses. Mental Health and Financial Professionals require the Collaborative Training only, within one year of their initial membership. All members require professional liability insurance.

- ☐ Collaborative Training (minimum 2-day Introductory Interdisciplinary training program)
- ☐ Mediation Training (mandatory only for lawyers and recommended for other professionals)

MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE 10 HOURS PER YEAR MADE UP OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ Attendance at OCFLG Meetings, workshops, social events or retreat
- ☐ Participation in Collaborative files
- ☐ Membership in an OCFLG Committee (Finance, Membership, Marketing, Retreat, etc.)
- ☐ Other ongoing collaborative training to be approved by the Membership Committee
  Please describe: _____

For renewing members: I have had ____ new collaborative files since September 2024.

Mental Health Practitioners: (both Divorce Coaches and Child Specialists)

Divorce Coach:

☐ Member in good standing of the Mental Health requisite mental health registration body that meets one of the designations set out below, all of which include a minimum $2,000,000 professional liability insurance coverage and accountability through a regulatory body. Please check which of the following is applicable:

- ☐ R. Psych (Registered Psychologist in BC)
- ☐ RCC (Registered Clinical Counselor in BC)
- ☐ CCC (Canadian Clinical Counselor)
- ☐ CCPA (Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapists Association
- ☐ LCSW (_____)
- ☐ MSW/RSW (Master of Social Work/Registered SW BC)
- ☐ LMFT/AAMFT (Licensed Marriage Family Therapist/ American Marriage and Family Therapist)

Child Specialist: in addition to the above, the following Additional Qualifications:

☐ or such other equivalent license that requires an advanced degree in a recognized clinical mental health field, requires continuing education, and is regulated by a governing body under a code of ethics, **and**

☐ Background, education and experience in:

- Family systems theory
- Individual and family life cycle and development
- Assessment of individual and family strengths
- Assessment and challenges of family dynamics in separation and divorce
- Challenges of restructuring families after separation and divorce

☐ At least 14 hours of family violence screening training (identifying, assessing and managing family violence and power dynamics in relation to dispute resolution processes design). Qualified trainings are those provided by the JIBC, CLE or any other training provider that is recognized as providing high quality training in this field.

Financial Specialists:

☐ Member in good standing of Registration body that meets one of the designations set out below. Please check which of the following is applicable:

- ☐ CPA (which includes CAs, CGAs and CMAs) ☐ CFP (Certified Financial Planner)
- ☐ CBV (Chartered Business Valuator)

Lawyers:

☐ Member in good standing with BC Law Society

☐ Non-practicing lawyer

Mail or Email completed form with payment to:

Okanagan Collaborative Family Law Group
Attn: Jenny Balko
200 - 1633 Ellis Street Kelowna BC V1Y 2A8 Canada
Email: jenny.balko@ca.gt.com

Once membership has been approved, you will be added to our website – watch for the email with your individual password.