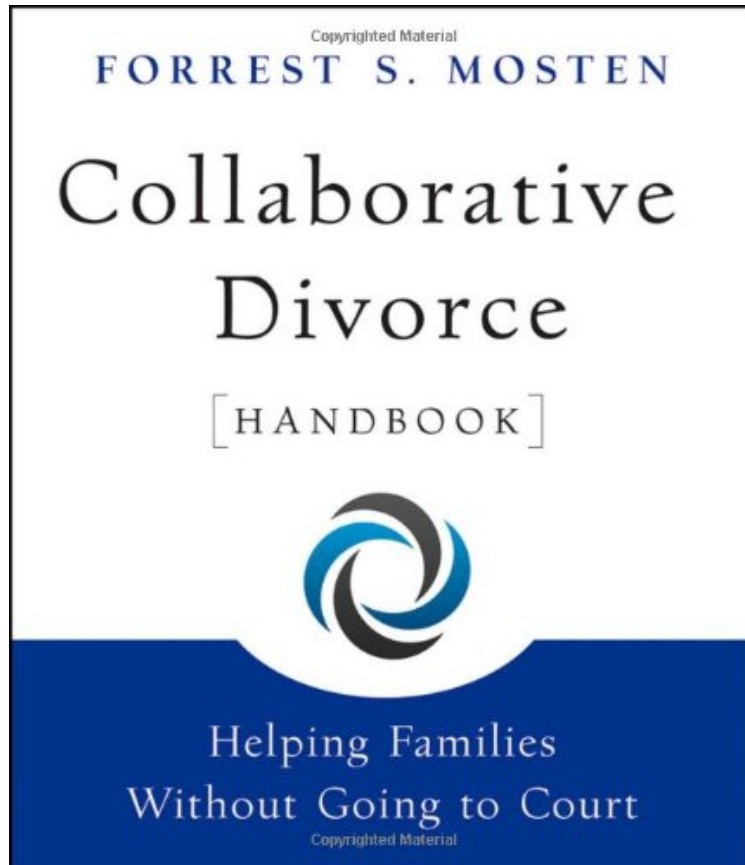



# Collaborative Divorce Handbook: Helping Families Without Going to Court

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**Forrest S. Mosten : Collaborative Divorce Handbook: Helping Families Without Going to Court** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Collaborative Divorce Handbook: Helping Families Without Going to Court:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A Must Have for All Collaborative Practitioners By Holly Hohlbein If there was one book that Collaborative professionals (or aspiring Collaborative professionals) should take with them to a desert island, this would be it. I found Woody Mosten's Collaborative Divorce Handbook to be a comprehensive and imminently readable manual for every discipline of Collaborative Practice. It's a "soup to nuts" catalog of all things Collaborative, told in an appealing style of sagely, elegant wisdom. Through experiences and quotes from practitioners (many of them early pioneers of Collaborative Law), you'll come to appreciate the skill required to become a consummate Collaborative professional, and how to acquire it yourself. As an experienced practitioner, you'll learn some new tricks (I did); as a beginner you'll find a guide through the maze. Another reason I love this book is that Woody gives respectful, balanced treatment of controversial subjects (one coach or two? Mediators in Collaborative? Lawyer only or full team?), and he avoids the all-too-common evangelical zeal that I found in other books on this

topic. Cost-wise, all of the books aimed at professionals are pretty pricey, but at least this one delivers (I can't say that about all the books I have shelled out \$\$\$ for). Bottom line, this is a "must-have" if you're serious about wanting to step up your Collaborative game (or get into the game in the first place!).

Forrest S. Mosten Collaborative Divorce Handbook Helping families without going to court Praise for Collaborative Divorce Handbook "There are many roads to peace. Whether you engage in collaborative practice, which by definition includes the provision that professionals will not represent the parties in litigation, or some other process for respectful conflict resolution, you will find Collaborative Divorce Handbook to be an invaluable resource for deepening your understanding and enhancing your skills as a peacemaker." Talia L. Katz, JD, executive director, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals "Collaborative lawyering is a promising new way of resolving disputes through joint problem solving rather than adversary litigation that has particular appeal for divorce cases. Whether you are a client who seeks to learn more about it or a lawyer using it who desires a wise guiding hand, this book is an invaluable resource." Frank E. A. Sander, Bussey Professor Emeritus, Harvard Law School "Written by one of the innovative thinkers in the field, Collaborative Divorce Handbook is a treasure of information for all professionals interested in collaborative divorce. Easy to read, expansive, and chock-full of resources, it is bound to become a classic." Constance Ahrons, PhD, author, *The Good Divorce and We're Still Family*, and professor emerita, University of Southern California "Family law is changing. As more people realize that the adversarial process is expensive, degrading, and stressful, they look for alternatives and find it in various forms of alternative dispute resolution. Woody Mosten is the nationally recognized leader of this movement, and his book on collaborative practice literally will be 'The Handbook' we will all follow." Garrett C. Dailey, Esq., CFLS, AAML, president, Attorney's BriefCase, Inc.

Woody Mosten's new book brings the how-to of collaborative divorce squarely up-to-date and perhaps most importantly, brings to collaborative practice the legitimacy of the imprimatur of an established, vastly experienced and well-regarded conflict resolution practitioner. Julie Macfarlane in *Family Court*, Volume 48, Number 3, July 2010. Collaborative Divorce Handbook provides a step-by-step guide to the concepts, tools, and strategies needed to enter or improve upon collaborative practice. But, more significantly, Mosten's text provides a compelling call to re-center legal practice around the client. J. Herbie DiFonzo in *Family Law Quarterly*, Volume 44, Number 1, Spring 2010. About the Author Forrest "Woody" Mosten is a collaborative attorney, mediator, author, and educator who is invited to serve as a keynote speaker and presenter at conferences and seminars around the world. For the past three decades, he has been honored as a leader and innovator in the field of conflict resolution by numerous major legal and peacemaking organizations, including the ABA, with its prestigious Lawyer as Problem Solver Award. Woody is the author of *The Complete Guide to Mediation*, *Unbundling Legal Services*, and *Mediation Career Guide: A Strategic Approach to Building a Successful Practice* (Jossey-Bass). He can be reached at [www.MostenMediation.com](http://www.MostenMediation.com).