# Divorce Legal Communication Services: A Restorative approach with Family Law and Family Violence

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**Objectives** 

- 1) stop abuse and create safety
- 2) build collaborative separation agreements
- 3) expedite the divorce process.
- 4) create separations without creating further harm
- 5) transparent with both parties on what a judge would consider a fair and reasonable separation agreement.



Restorative Legal Facilitator

- 1) provides a five-week process to create separation agreement
- 2) works with both parties separately for two hours per week.
- 3) ensures both parties have independent legal advice throughout the process.
- 4) engages Restorative IPV Therapists for both parties address trauma and gender
- 5) if no agreement within four weeks, facilitator arranges binding settlement conference with judge at family court.
- 6) charges flat fee; no retainer



Restorative IPV Therapists

- 1) address stopping abuse and creating safety
- 2) address issues of trauma and gender that may be hindering the creation of a fair and reasonable separation agreement.
- 3) the restorative therapists connect with each other and the legal facilitator to monitor issues of safety.



Client Endorsements

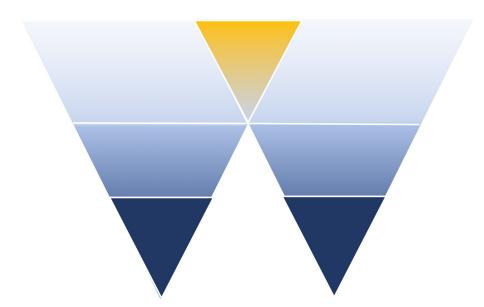
"I can move forward and sleep at night with this agreement." - Donny

"I couldn't have made it through to the end of my divorce without her support. I highly recommend the service." - Linda

"Excellent, thoughtful work and with a gentle manner that makes it easier to navigate the system, highly recommended." - Catherine

### Safety and Repair Approach for IPV





Phase 3: Practicing

Phase 2: Preparing

Phase 1: Safety

## Safety and Repair Approach for IPV

#### Phase 1: Safety

- 1. Establish values/ identity
- 2. Physical Safety
- 3. Defining abuse
- 4. Defining repair/ taking responsibility

#### **Phase 2: Preparing**

- 5. To repair harm with person who hurt you
- 6. How gender/ trauma impairs
- 7. To Repair harm with person you hurt
- 8. How gender/ trauma impairs

#### **Phase 3: Practicing**

Repairing harm with the other person

#### Repair:

- 1. Acknowledging details of the abuse
- 2. Creating a plan to stop abuse
- 3. Acknowledging the effects
- 4. Creating a follow up plan to repair the effects

Repairing harm without creating harm. 7



#### Example: A Better Man CBC Anna Maria Tremonti, Episode 5: 3:48–10:20 min



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