



Collaborative Law Section

State Bar of Texas

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The [Global Collaborative Law Council](#) is a non-profit Texas corporation which was organized several years ago by a group of attorneys committed to assisting clients in managing conflict and resolving disputes without litigation. The Council publishes a quarterly e-Newsletter for its members and would like to share the e-Newsletter with members of the Collaborative Law Section. We hope you will find items of interest in the May 2103 edition of Collab-o-grams.

GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE LAW COUNCIL

News For All Collaborative Professionals

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13-14, 2013

Alabama State Bar
Elder Law Section

[Civil Collaborative Law Training](#)

Cumberland Law School
Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

Trainer:

Sherrie R. Abney
Vice-President of GCLC

Meet New York Attorney Marc Sheridan

October 3-4, 2013

GCLC's 9th Annual
Civil
Collaborative Law
Training

[Marc Sheridan](#) has been a member of the Global Collaborative Law Council for several years and currently serves as the Chair of the Council's Northeast Chapter in the United States. He is a partner in the New York law firm of Markus & Sheridan. Marc has spent the better part of his legal career representing clients in commercial and employment disputes in state and federal trial and appellate

Dallas Bar Association
Belo Mansion
Dallas, Texas
Program Chair:
Anne Shuttee
Vice-President of GCLC

courts as well as before various arbitral forums. Over the last several years, he has focused his practice on mediating employment and other business disputes both privately and on a voluntary basis for the New York federal and state courts. He frequently writes and lectures on employment law developments and dispute resolution techniques for both human resources professionals and business owners in the New York City metropolitan area.

**October 17-20,
2013**

[IACP 14th Annual
Networking
and Educational Forum](#)
San Antonio Marriott
Rivercenter
San Antonio, Texas

As collaborative law has gained acceptance in New York, in addition to mediation Marc has focused his efforts towards growing Civil Collaborative Practice. In 2010, he formed the New York Civil Collaborative Group (NYCCG), which in 2012 completed a CLE video webinar for lawyers through the International Institute of Conflict Prevention and Resolution on using Collaborative Law in employment disputes. Clips of the video can be seen on the [Markus & Sheridan](#) website.

Marc and other members of the NYCCG have lectured to bar associations, human resource professionals, and business groups about the benefits of Civil Collaborative Practice. The NYCCG is helping other Collaborative groups to expand their Collaborative Practice beyond family law.

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When asked to share something he had learned from a case or client that might be helpful to collaborative and other professionals, Marc responded:

**BRUSH UP ON YOUR
LATIN:**

Tuos iube meis dicere.

*Have your people talked
to
my people.*

"Early on in my legal career I realized that I could be a strong advocate for my clients while maintaining a degree of civility with other counsel. Clients have relied on my ability to counsel them to protect their interests, have a meaningful dialogue with opposing counsel, and allow the client to participate in the dispute resolution process. I am convinced that my collaborative training has allowed me to maximize these skills in my mediation and collaborative practice as well as in litigation." Marc acknowledges that his most satisfying experience in his practice has been helping his clients and parties to a dispute find solutions that keep them out of court.

Good advice for
collaborative
practitioners

When asked how he spends his free, non-working time, Marc says first and foremost he spends time with his family; and he tries to run every morning, indicating that most days he succeeds at that endeavor. In his professional and personal life, Marc takes to heart the inspirational poem [desiderata](#) by Max Ehmann, and he encourages everyone to read it.

**SEND US YOUR
FAVORITE QUOTE**

We are delighted to have Marc as a member of the council.

"Litigation is a basic
legal right which
guarantees every
corporation its decade
in court."

*David Porter, British
Member
of Parliament (1987-
1997)*

The Council Welcomes New Directors, Officers, Regional and Chapter Chairs

Melanie M. Atha is a new Director and serves as Secretary of the Council. Melanie is actively involved in advancing the collaborative practice in the State of Alabama. She is a partner in the [Cabaniss Johnston](#) in Birmingham.

Marie Brozova is a new Director and serves as Chair of the European Region for the Council. Marie is an attorney and counselor in Prague, Czech Republic and an active member of [Right of Cooperation](#), a collaborative collaborative law organization in Prague.

GCLC CAN HELP
PROMOTE
COLLABORATIVE
PRACTICE
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY

Robert A. Miller, Jr. is a new Director and serves as Liaison to the Business Community. Bob is engaged in a solo law, collaborative and mediation practice in Dallas. He comes to the Council with many years of experience in the financial and real estate business.

Sameer Shah serves as Chair of the Council's newly created India Chapter. He is a member of the International Bar Association and an Advocate, Arbitrator and Legal Consultant in Gujarat, India.

NEED A SPEAKER?

Update on the Uniform Collaborative Law Act/Rules

LINKS TO ARTICLES? In 2009, following a two year drafting process, the Uniform Law Commission unanimously adopted the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The stated purpose of the UCLA is "to support the continued development and growth of collaborative law by making it a more uniform, accessible dispute resolution option for parties."

LINKS TO COLLABORATIVE GROUPS?

In 2010, the Commission adopted Uniform Collaborative Law Rules, thereby giving states options to enact the statute, or adopt Court Rules, or a combination thereof; and made provision for states to enact the UCLA with no limitation on matters that would be covered by the Act, or to limit the Act's applicability only to matters arising under the family laws of the state. The ABA Collaborative Law Committee has prepared an [Updated Executive Summary of the UCLA/UCLR](#).

NEED A POWER POINT?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR IMPROVING GCLC? As of this date, the UCLA has been enacted in Utah, Nevada, Texas, Hawaii, Washington, Ohio and the District of Columbia. The acts in Hawaii, Washington and Utah apply to all civil disputes, while the enactments in Texas, Ohio, Nevada and the District of Columbia apply only to family law matters

BE SURE YOUR IDEAS ARE INCLUDED

This week the Alabama Legislature passed the UCLA (applicable to family and probate matters) and it is on the governor's desk to be signed. The UCLA has been introduced in New Mexico and Oklahoma (scope limited to family matters) and Illinois, Massachusetts and South Carolina (no limit as to scope).

Tribute to Gay G. Cox

CONTACT US

info@collaborativelaw.us Gay Cox was a charter member of GCLC and a true pioneer in the collaborative

NEXT EDITION OF COLLAB-O-GRAMS

movement. Gay died in January of this year from injuries received in a tragic accident last fall. The next edition of Collab-o-grams will be a tribute to Gay G. Cox. Colleagues are welcome to send their remembrances of Gay.

A TRIBUTE TO GAY G. COX

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

July 15, 2013

Articles and papers,
book reviews,
announcements of
trainings, and other
collaborative law news.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

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Kind Regards,
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