



**Judge Sheenhan Praises Collaborative Team**  
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Julia Best Chase, Adam Cordover, Marie-Eve Girard, and Rachel Moskowitz formed a strong collaborative team to facilitate their clients' divorce. Mr. Cordover and Mrs. Best Chase provided legal representation for the clients. Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Moskowitz worked as the financial neutral and neutral facilitator respectively. After working on numerous cases, it's been clear that strength and comfort level of the team affect the outcome of the case. It's important that team members take the time to get to know each other and understand how to provide feedback to each other. This fosters open and constructive dialogue, which is vital to success.

Once the case was finalized and ready for submission to Judge Sheenhan, the team decided to attend the final hearing with their clients. They felt it was important to support their clients and to show the judge their commitment to the collaborative divorce process. Judge Sheenhan applauded the team's presence at the final hearing and congratulated the clients for taking the collaborative route. She seemed extremely pleased with how thorough and thoughtful the submitted marital settlement agreement

and parenting plan were. The judge remarked about how refreshing it was to have both the professionals and spouses smiling in her courtroom.

Helping families divorce collaboratively is an incredible experience. There is a clear need to educate clients about the collaborative process. After seeing the successful completion of several cases, it's clear that most families would benefit from using the collaborative process.

For more information on Collaborative Divorce, please visit [NextGenerationDivorce.com](http://NextGenerationDivorce.com) or [CollaborativePractice.com](http://CollaborativePractice.com).

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