

COLLABORATIVE LAW  
INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA

## Newsletter | July 2023

In July, a family so bright,  
United, they spread love and light.  
Collaborative law, With justice they saw,  
Fourth of July, their unity's height!

*Author ~ChatGPT*

### Board of Directors



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### President's Message | Rebecca Randen

I hope this message finds you all doing well and enjoying your hard-earned Minnesota summer. If not, I hope you can slow down a bit and enjoy these precious months.

Since my last message, CLI leadership has been busy with trainings, planning social events, and engaging new members. Twelve amazing and collaboratively inclined professionals attended our May New Collaborative Experience and it was so much fun to get to know them through the training.

Allison Maxim and the Annual Forum Committee are putting together what will be a very fun-filled and educational event - I cannot wait for this year's Forum.... [READ MORE](#)

## CLI Board of Directors 2023



**President, Rebecca Randen**  
**Immediate Past President, Allison Maxim**  
**Treasurer, Brett Jensen;**  
**Directors:**  
**Brian Burns, Judith Johnson, Melissa Miroslavich,**  
**Brittany Pearson, \*Gay Rosenthal, Gregory Solum,**  
**George Zaske**

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*\*Not included in the photo taken at the Board Retreat as Gay joined the board retreat by Zoom from Texas.*

## Membership

### Welcome CLI's Newest Members

Meet New Member Katrina Viegas and read her new member highlight!

[Click here to read about Katrina Viegas](#)

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**As a CLI Minnesota Member, you are also an IACP Whole Group Member!**

**Are you taking advantage of the IACP Resources?**

[Click here for the IACP Benefits Flyer](#)

**IACP Forum | October 22- 25, 2023**

[Click here to register for IACP Forum](#)



**Why should you attend the IACP Forum?**

**IACP Announces Board of Directors and Executive Committee**

[Click here to see who has volunteered to serve on the IACP Board](#)

*Attending the IACP Forum is a wonderful way to learn how to better serve our clients in Collaborative practice, deepen our skills, learn how Collaborative Practice is used around the world and innovate our own practice. I love meeting people from around the world and pulling me out of my Minnesota bubble. Over the years, I have met wonderful people who have become friends, not just colleagues. It is fun, inspiring and so worth while. And did I say fun? There is a dine around, great speakers, a dance and lots of other fun activities. It would be great to have a*

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## Committee Updates

### CLI – Let's Get Blogging! Carl Arnold | Tech Committee Chair

[Click here to access the CLI Blog sign-up spreadsheet](#)

I know it. Ya'll are thinking that you don't have the time or energy to blog. You know blogging will help your business. You know that blogging generates eyeballs on your website. You know that blogging is a good idea. That's not the issue.

The issue is whether you can bring yourself to start typing a blog post and actually get that darn blog post edited and done and submitted.

We are all so busy that we don't know how we can find this magical time that bloggers (the ones that actually post their writing) appear to have. I admit it. I've thought the same thing, but I've also figured out the solution.

The solution is SO 2023. Before AI comes for your job, use AI to help you get an amazing jump-start on your blogging. That way, all you have to do is make some small edits and send your blog off to Sandy by email and it'll get posted...easy-peasy!

Please access the CLI Blog sign-up Google spreadsheet linked above to sign-up to provide 1 (or more) blog article to get our blog back to looking great with current material that will bring new clicks and raise the awareness of CLI Minnesota, Collaborative Practice, and YOU as the author of the article.

### Legislative Task Force Call for volunteers Brittany Pearson | Chair

The CLI Legislative Task Force is looking for help to brainstorm and consider whether and what legislative matters may be of interest to CLI as we move forward.

This is a low-commitment opportunity to join other members of CLI in idea-generation. If you have ideas or opinions (or think you might someday have ideas or opinions 😊), please reach out!

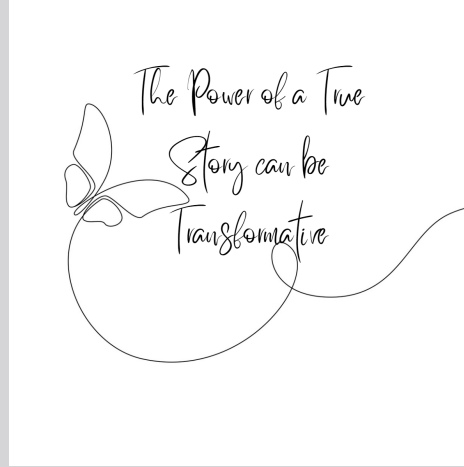
After interested members are identified, we will schedule an initial time to discuss the topic.

By joining an initial conversation, you are not necessarily committing to any long-term legislative work, so don't hesitate!

Contact Brittany Stephens Pearson at [brittany@pearsonlawmn.com](mailto:brittany@pearsonlawmn.com)

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## Kids' Corner



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### Deb Clemmensen

Recently I was mediating with some parents in dispute over holiday time, particularly the addition of the newest national holiday of Juneteenth which fell on dad's parenting time but for which mom had the day off. I've known these parents for a while and helped them create a Parenting Plan and do other post decree problem solving. I would not call them amicable, but they have shown the ability to compromise.

We have done a lot of work on communication skills, but they came to the meeting after a series of acrimonious exchanges on their parenting app. After identifying issues for our agenda and exchanging perspectives at my request,  
...[READ MORE](#)

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## Leadership Circle

Dontations now being accepted for the 2024 Leadership Circle

2023

~ Carl Arnold ~ Brian Burns ~ Deb Clemmensen ~ Brett Jensen ~  
~ Louise Livesay ~ Kari McGuire ~ Kimberly Miller ~  
~ Chad Olson ~ Ron Ousky ~ Gay Rosenthal ~ Barb Seibel ~  
~ Megan Yates ~ Stu Webb ~ Amy Wolff ~ George Zaske

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## CLI Socials and Training Opportunities

**Summer Social | Cruise the St Croix**

**July 18** | CLI members and guests

Registration deadline July 12

[Click here for Summer Social](#)

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## CLI Summer Social

July 18 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Stillwater, MN

Join us and cruise the  
St Croix on the Lady Chateau!

Lady  
Chateau

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### Unlocking Divorce Mortgage Success: Empowering Attorneys with Key Strategies for Streamlined Property Division and Optimal Client Solutions

July 26 | In-person

1.5 Credits pending CLE

[Click here for July 26](#)

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**July 26, 2023**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Edina

UNLOCKING DIVORCE MORTGAGE SUCCESS:  
EMPOWERING ATTORNEYS WITH KEY STRATEGIES FOR  
STREAMLINED PROPERTY DIVISION AND  
OPTIMAL CLIENT SOLUTIONS



Presented by  
Dave Jamison  
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All family law  
professionals!

Details & Registration  
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**Save the Date!**  
CLI Forum  
December 7 & 8, 2023



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December 7 & 8  
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## CLI Annual Partners Committed to Collaborative Practice



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**May Flowers bring Lower Rates!**

**Dave Jamison | Rainbow Mortgage**



May Flowers bring lower rates...Kind of...if you have been watching my Divorce and Mortgage Videos, we had penciled in the May 10th date for inflation numbers to come in. We were expecting the lodging component of the CPI to start to trend down year over year. The way this report works is that the numbers from a year ago get replaced with this year's numbers and the old one drops off...so many of the core indicators for inflation use data that is over a year old.  
As we discussed in February with the job numbers ...[READ MORE](#)

## Thank You CLI Annual Partners!

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