



# CLI Community News April 2020



**Act as if what you're doing makes a difference, it does!**

*~William James*

## **A Message from Co-Presidents Angela Heart & Brian Burns**

Fellow CLI Members:

First, we want to extend our tremendous gratitude to all those with family or friends in the health care industry – please pass on our sincere thank you!

As the global COVID-19 crisis keeps us contained in our homes, experts are already questioning how our relationships to the outside world and each other will be permanently changed.

As we transition into more virtually centered practices, we want to encourage CLI members to ***utilize the CLIMN Google Group to contribute questions, ideas, success stories, challenges and resources so that we can share and learn from each other.*** If you are not sure that you are subscribed or part of this group, send an email to [cli@collaborativelaw.org](mailto:cli@collaborativelaw.org).

To post a message to the CLI Google Group use:

Working from home might mean doing things differently than we  
[...\*READ MORE\*](#)

Links included in the article:

- [Work from Home Resources](#)
- [Stu's Message of Hope & Love](#)

## CLI Website - A New Look!

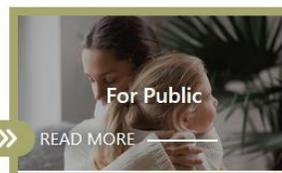


### Collaborative Law Institute: Resolving family matters in a respectful and dignified manner.

The Collaborative Law Institute is an organization of multidisciplinary family law professionals who value resolving family law matters:

- » With respect, dignity and integrity
- » In a child-centered and family friendly way
- » Using a customized process based on client needs
- » With a holistic blend of legal, financial, parenting, and relationship expertise
- » Focusing on equitable and sustainable solutions
- » Limiting the scope of services to out-of-court problem solving

We invite you to click on the Public button to learn more about how Collaborative services can be a resource to you and your family. For professionals who are members or wanting to learn more about becoming a member, please click on the Professional button.



### **The CLI website has a new look and we need your help to spread the word!**

Don't think it's worth your time to share the new website? Think again. At a minimum, you have five reasons to share this new website with your professional and personal network:

1. the new website is more intuitive for clients, which means you can close more sales with less effort;
2. the new website explains the collaborative process in a more clear and simple way, which means you can persuade more couples to use collaborative process instead of traditional;
3. the new website markets unbundled services, which is something the old website didn't have and many people

### **Convinced but not sure what to type or how to share?**

No worries. We've got you covered. Use the sample posts below when you share the new site. (Don't worry, we won't copyright strike you.) All you need to do is copy and paste it to your social media feeds.

#### **Facebook**

Is divorce looming in your relationship? Afraid of the process, of what the future might hold? Most people are. Until they learn about collaborative divorce. [www.collaborativelaw.org](http://www.collaborativelaw.org)

#### **LinkedIn**

Ever been asked by a friend, family member or client if there is any way they could have a dignified divorce? Find yourself stumbling around trying to answer that

- don't know about;
4. the new website advertises you(!); and
  5. you pay to be a member of this organization, so help the organization succeed so that you can succeed.

question? Now, you don't have to. Let the new Collaborative Law Institute website do the explaining for you. It's so intuitive that you'll be asking how'd you ever live without it!

[www.collaborativelaw.org](http://www.collaborativelaw.org)  
#divorce #collaborativedivorce  
#therapists #financialadvisor  
#thinkingdifferently

## The CLI website calendar also has a new look!

No more scrolling through calendar pages searching for the date of that training you heard about.

The 'Calendar' is now a list of trainings, events, webinars, and meetings hosted by CLI and other organizations with links to more information and registration. Check back often as this page will be updated frequently with updates to posted events and additions to new events and resources.

Visit the calendar pages at:  
<https://www.collaborativelaw.org/about-us/calendar/>



## Update your Profile so clients and other professionals can contact you

With a fresh look at the CLI website, now is a great time to freshen-up your professional profile and make sure your contact information is still current, add details to your biography, and add a current photo. For a step-by-step how to [click here](#)



## Members Talking about Collaborative Practice...

### In a Presentation

Louise, Brian and Deb presented at a CLE event at Pazzaluna Urban Italian Restaurant on March 9, 2020 sponsored by Our Family Wizard and Family Law Software. Racheal Horowitz from OFW and Nancy from FLS shared a wealth of info about their products, and Brian, Louise and Deb presented on aspects of conflict resolution for families experiencing divorce or separation. It was a fun event, and hopefully the evaluations concur with the sense that it was a successful event.

### In an Interview

A great article about one of our new CLI Board members, Allison Maxim, talking about Collaborative as part of her practice. Here is the link to the article recently published in the Attorney at Law Magazine:

<https://attorneyatlawmagazine.com/allison-maxim-global-family-law>

## In the Media

Writing that divorce doesn't need to be like this, Deb Clemmensen's article published in the Minneapolis StarTribune about the movie "A Marriage Story", gives voice to the collaborative process. [Click here](#) to read Deb's article here if you missed it.

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## Sunshine Committee

**Member Concerns | Celebrations | In The News  
Annual Awards**

**CLI Volunteer of the Year** | Brett Jensen | 2019  
**CLI Stu Webb Award** | Jennifer Morris & Dave  
Jamison | 2019

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## Membership

**Meet New Member** [Click here](#)

Rebecca Baer, Attorney, Mediator | Baer Family Law, PLLC

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## New Member Dues Discount Just Announced!

**Do you know a collaborative colleague  
who is not a CLI member and should be?**

Here is a membership opportunity they cannot pass up!

**Join CLI now at a 25% discount!**

**Professionals:** ~~\$221.25~~

**NOW: \$165.94**

**New Professionals** (practicing for three years or less): ~~\$131.25~~

**NOW: \$98.44**

To take advantage of this membership special, new members will visit the CLI website at [www.collaborativelaw.org](http://www.collaborativelaw.org), click "For Professionals" on the home page and then click "Membership" and fill-out the membership sign-up form using the **discount code: FLI2021** to automatically reduce both the Professional or New Professional CLI Minnesota dues amount by 25%.

This discount reduces dues on currently posted prorated dues for new and lapsed members (a lapsed member is considered eligible for this discount if their membership lapsed before 12/31/2017.)

Questions, contact CLI at 952.405.2010 or [CLI@collaborativelaw.org](mailto:CLI@collaborativelaw.org)

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CLI Partners are ready resources to help clients with the myriad of tasks and issues they may be facing in their personal transitions. And not only are these known professionals ready with experienced help, their commitment to partnering with CLI helps defer the costs of doing CLI business, including administrative costs, covering overhead, and funding special projects. Without CLI partners the cost to each individual member would be much higher. So when you have an opportunity to chat with a CLI Partner, please take the time to thank them and consider connecting with them for business!

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- Carl Arnold ~ Brian Burns ~ Deb Clemmensen ~ Angela Heart  
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