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"Adam is one of the rising stars

nationally in the Collaborative

Movement...He is truly of the next

generation of peacemakers!"

Forrest S. Mosten, Esq.
Author, Collaborative Divorce
Handbook

Professional Profile of Adam B. Cordover

Leading efforts to offer Florida's families healthier alternatives to courtroom battles.

Education, Admissions, and Training

Masters of Arts, International Affairs

American University, Washington, DC 2008

Juris Doctor

American University, Washington, DC. 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Jewish Studies

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2003

Certificate, International Relations

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2003

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Florida 2008

Mediation Certification

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator 2015

Collaborative & Mediation Trainings Attended

Peacemaker Train the Trainer Master Class, Forrest S. Mosten 2016 (Chicago, IL)

Advanced Mediation (*Pro Se* Mediation), Meredith Cohen 2016 (Orlando, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Promises and Challenges), Ron Ousky 2016 (Tampa, FL)

40-Hour Introductory Mediation Training, Gregory Firestone 2015 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Building A Successful Collaborative Practice), Forrest S. Mosten 2015 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Moving from I to We), Linda Solomon & Rita Pollack 2014 (St. Petersburg, FL)

Basic Collaborative, Collaborative Law Training Associates 2014 (Sarasota, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative (Streamlined Protocols), Collaborative Divorce Institute 2014 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Negotiating in the Eye of the Storm), Victoria Smith & Linda Solomon 2013 (Orlando, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative, Florida Collaborative Trainers 2013 (Tampa, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative, Lone Star Collaborative Trainers 2011 (Tampa, FL)

Trainings Conducted

Assistant Trainer, 40-Hour Basic Mosten Family Mediation Training 2016 (Los Angeles, CA)

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2016 (Lakewood Ranch, FL)

"I was thoroughly impressed with

Adam as a presenter. It's clear that

he is passionate about Collaborative

Practice and that makes him even

more engaging as a trainer."

Angela Perkinson, CPA, CFE
Attendee, 2016 2-Day
Introductory Interdisciplinary
Collaborative Training in
Lakewood Ranch, FL

“Adam is a phenomenal presenter and trainer. It is not just that he has a tremendous grasp on the material he brings to the participants, it is his manner of delivery, his training style. He is fully engaging, out of the box and entertaining. His trainings are always highly educational but in a painless and actually enjoyable way. He truly is on the cutting edge of presenters and I would recommend him without hesitation to those who are seeking the training as well as to groups or sponsors seeking to bring to their communities that effective, high level of training that Adam is known for.”

Enid Miller Ponn, Esq.
Director, Center for Collaborative Divorce & Mediation

Leadership and Positions in the Collaborative Movement

- Principal and Founding Trainer, Tampa Bay Collaborative Trainers
- Founding Trainer, Peacemaker Training Alliance
- Past President, Next Generation Divorce (“NGD”)
- Board Member & Research Co-Chair, Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Organizer & Advocate, 13th Judicial Circuit’s Taskforce to Draft Collaborative Family Practice Administrative Order
- Former Chair, Hillsborough County Bar Association (“HCBA”) Collaborative Law Section Judicial Outreach Committee
- Former Chair, NGD Reduced Rate Committee
- Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (“IACP”) Research Committee
- Graduate, IACP Leadership Academy

Notable Cases

- *Shaw v. Shaw* – Collaborative Attorney & Appellate Attorney - The first divorce case to challenge Florida’s Defense of Marriage Act and Florida’s constitutional amendment banning recognition of same-sex marriages (Request to ratify collaborative settlement agreement and grant divorce dismissed by trial court for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, appealed to the Second District, briefly sent to the Florida Supreme Court, and reversed and remanded by the Second District)
- *Nelson and Nelson* – Collaborative Attorney - The first *pro bono* collaborative divorce case completed in Florida

Pro Bono Work

I have done *pro bono* work independently, but also through the following organizations:

- HCBA-NGD Joint Collaborative *Pro Bono* Project (Offering the interdisciplinary collaborative family law model to families in need)
- Are You Safe, Inc. (Representing Domestic Violence survivors)
- Voices for Children (Serving as Guardian ad Litem in Dependency matters)
- Bay Area Legal Services (“BALS”)
 - Family Forms Clinic (Helping indigent clients fill out Florida Supreme Court approved family law forms)
 - Domestic Violence Assistance Program (Aiding survivors of domestic violence in filling out petitions for injunction for protection against domestic violence)
 - Mentor Program (Mentoring non-family law attorneys and younger attorneys who take on *pro bono* family law cases)
 - Intake Program (Assisting in determining whether applicants qualify for *pro bono* services; helping to determine whether case appropriate for collaborative)
 - Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program (Speaking at recruitment events and encouraging attorneys to volunteer for *pro bono* work)

Speaking Engagements

Getting the Word Out: Building Your Mediation Practice
Mosten Family Mediation – Los Angeles, CA 2016

Collaborative Divorce for the Middle Class
Collaborative Family Law Group of Northeast Florida – Jacksonville, FL 2016

"In describing Adam, I would say that he is one of the most promising young lawyers I have met. He has energy, ambition, and an earnest approach to any task he volunteers to accomplish. He is one of those 'can do' guys, i.e., not just a talker, but an actual 'doer.'"

Nancy Harris, Esq.
Co-Founder, Tampa Bay Collaborative Divorce Group

"Adam B. Cordover is a young attorney who, in his brief legal career, has epitomized leadership, professionalism, and service to the community. Mr. Cordover is truly an outstanding young lawyer."

Joryn Jenkins, Esq.
Author, War or Peace:
Avoid the Destruction of
Divorce Court

Interests as Motivation

Woody Mosten's Peacemaker Trainer Master Class – Chicago, IL 2016

A Father's Perspective on His Collaborative Divorce

Tampa Bay Tomorrow with Corey Dylan on iHeart Radio – Tampa, FL 2016

Building A Courtless Practice

4th Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

The Collaborative Multiverse: The Journey Continues

4th Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

Collaborative Family Law: The Smart Alternative to Courtroom Divorce

Cohen & Grieb, P.A. – Tampa, FL 2016

Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Cutting Edge Alternative to Courtroom Divorce

Clearwater Bar Association Family Law Section – Clearwater, FL 2016

Making it Happen: Building Your Collaborative Practice

South Tampa POD of Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2016

Analyzing Preliminary Results of Statewide Collaborative Survey

Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals Leadership Retreat – Winter Park, FL 2016

FACP Collaborative Divorce Roundtable

Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

Collaborative Divorce for Families of Modest Means

South Palm Beach County Collaborative Law Group – Boca Raton, FL 2015

Increasing Your Collaborative Caseload

Clearwater POD of Next Generation Divorce – Clearwater, FL 2015

Troubleshooting the Collaborative Divorce Roadmap

Nova Southeastern University Collaborative Training – Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2015

The New Family: LGBT Family Law

Family Court Professional Collaborative of the 12th Circuit Fall Conference – Sarasota, FL 2015

Building Your Collaborative Practice

St. Petersburg POD of Next Generation Divorce – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

Comparing and Contrasting Mediation and Collaborative Divorce

Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

The Financial Savings of Collaborative Divorce Compared to Courtroom Divorce

Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

Introducing Collaborative Divorce

Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

Building Your Collaborative Practice

Manatee POD of Next Generation Divorce – Bradenton, FL 2015

The Final Debrief: Utilizing Florida's Practice Survey to Address Tough Topics

12th Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2015

Building a Pro Bono Collaborative Divorce Program

Collaborative Lawyers of Southwest Florida – Fort Meyers, FL 2015

The Collaborative Multiverse: Is there Really only ONE set of Rules?

Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida – Orlando, FL 2015

“It quickly became apparent to me that Adam was extremely passionate about the collaborative movement and that he was ready, willing, and able to do just about anything to help make the collaborative movement a success. He volunteered for more tasks than anyone else in the group, and when he said he would get something done he never failed to deliver.”

Christine Hearn, Esq.
Former President,
Next Generation Divorce

“Adam Cordover is a professional on the cutting edge of the Collaborative Divorce Process in Tampa Bay, a much more humane approach to traditional divorce litigation... Adam is truly a pioneer in the Collaborative Divorce Process in Tampa Bay.”

Eric Gregorisch, LMFT
Former President, Tampa Bay
Association for Marriage and
Family Therapy

Collaborative Practice and Status Update of Florida Same-Sex Marriage
12th Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2015

Deepening Your Collaborative Knowledge Through Blogging
Next Generation Divorce Woody Mosten Training – Tampa, FL 2015

The Essential Role of Collaborative Practice Groups
South Palm Beach County Collaborative Law Group – Boca Raton, FL 2015

How Practice Groups Create Successful Collaborators
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Vancouver, B.C., Canada 2014

Recognizing and Managing the Challenging Client
Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Tampa, FL 2014

Gaining Collaborative Experience While Giving Back Through Pro Bono Work
Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida Second Annual Conference – Orlando, FL 2014

Collaborative Family Law – A Better Divorce
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Ask-A-Lawyer Series – Carrollwood, FL 2014

Update on Tampa Same Sex Divorce Case
Fox 13 – Tampa, FL 2014

Resources for Collaborative Professionals in Sarasota & Manatee Counties
12th Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

Collaborative Divorce and Christian Family Values
Legally Speaking on Spirit F.M. 90.5 – Tampa, FL 2014

Same-Sex Divorce and the Collaborative Law Process
ABC Action News – Tampa, FL 2014

Building a Volcano – An Explosive Exercise in Organizational Conflict
IACP Leadership Academy – Manhattan Beach, CA 2014

Responding to Criticisms of Collaborative Practice
Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2014

Collaborative Family Law: The Future of Divorce is Now in Sarasota and Manatee Counties
12th Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

Collaborative Divorce in Pinellas County: The Future of Divorce is Here
St. Petersburg Bar Association & Clearwater Bar Association – St. Petersburg, FL 2014

Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Healthier Alternative for Divorce
Suncoast Mental Health Counselors Association – Tampa, FL 2014

Collaborative Divorce: Keeping the Focus on Children, Family, and the Community
Stephen Ministry – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

Collaborative Divorce: Offering A Healthier Alternative to Children and Grandchildren
First United Methodist Church Therapists – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

Ask A Lawyer: Collaborative Family Law
Fox 13 Good Day Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL 2013

In-Depth: Collaborative Divorce in Tampa Bay
Bay News 9 – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

The Basics of Pro Bono Collaborative Family Law Practice
Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program – Tampa, FL 2013

Collaborative Divorce: Educating First Responders
Collaborative Divorce Institute of Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL 2013

Collaborative Family Law: A Healthier Alternative for Tampa Bay's Families
Tampa Bay Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – Tampa, FL 2013

My Experience with Bay Area Legal Services
Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program Educational Event – Tampa, FL 2013

Explaining Hillsborough County's Collaborative Family Practice Administrative Order
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Family Practice Training – Tampa, FL 2013

On the Cutting Edge – Collaborative Divorce
HCBA Family Law Section Judicial Luncheon – Tampa, FL 2012

Adam's leadership and commitment to serving clients, collaboratively, has inspired me and many other professionals to rethink how and why we do what we do. Adam understands that advocacy should focus on process, which greatly impacts and colors outcome. He is committed to supporting his clients and empowering them to resolve marital discord through the peaceful and respectful process of collaborative divorce. He is a compassionate and effective advocate, well known for giving 110% to everything he does.

Tanya O'Connor, Esq.
Secretary,
Next Generation Divorce