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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 families healthier alternatives to courtroom battles in Florida and beyond.

### ***Education, Admissions, and Trainings Attended***

#### **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**

7 Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Trainings 2011-2018 (Texas, Miami, Arizona/California, Atlanta, and Ontario training groups)

2 40-hour Introductory Mediation Trainings 2015, 2016 (Greg Firestone; Forrest S. Mosten)

Countless Advanced Collaborative and Mediation Trainings and Workshops

### ***Trainings Conducted***

Principal Trainer, 1-Day Advanced Collaborative Training – Collaborative Option Building vs. Traditional Settlement Negotiations 2018 (Jacksonville, FL) *(with J. Gaies & K. DiMeo)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2018 (Naples, FL) *(with J. Gaies & D. Harper)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2018 (St. Louis, MO) *(with J. Gaies & K. DiMeo)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2018 (Tampa, FL) *(with J. Gaies & K. DiMeo)*

Principal Trainer, 1-Day Advanced Collaborative Training – It All Starts in the Initial Client Meeting: Enrolling the Collaborative Case 2018 (Boca Raton, FL) *(with J. Gaies, D. Harper, & B. Kelly)*

Principal Trainer, 1-Day Advanced Collaborative Training – The Tough Ones: Collaborative Cases Involving Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, or Mental Health Issues 2018 (Charlotte, NC) *(with J. Gaies & B. Kelly)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2018 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) *(with J. Gaies, K. DiMeo, & D. Harper)*

*“Excellent! Well organized, funny,  
and thorough! [Adam] kept our  
attention during some very dry ‘legal-  
ease’.”*

Professor Randy Heller, Ph.D.  
Organizer, 2017 2-Day  
Introductory Interdisciplinary  
Collaborative Training at  
Nova Southeastern University  
in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

*“Adam Cordover has one of the most engaging presentation styles I have seen during my many years of working with Collaborative Professionals and trainers. He is one of those rare presenters that has the courage to put himself in the moment and engage his audience in real time. His inquisitive nature and ability to adapt to what is happening in the room provide entertaining and insightful ways to learn the complex skills that are crucial to our work. His true passion for Collaborative Practice and his ready humor make it easy to stay engaged.”*

Ron Ousky, Esq.  
Former President, International  
Academy of Collaborative  
Professionals

Principal Trainer, 1-Day Advanced Collaborative Training – Enrolling the Collaborative Case 2017 (Pensacola, FL) *(with D. Harper, & B. Kelly)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2017 (Pensacola, FL) *(with J. Gaies, K. DiMeo, D. Harper, & B. Kelly)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Advanced Collaborative Training – Cutting Edge Collaborative Practices: Sharpening Your Skills from Initial Consult to Case Debrief 2017 (Erie, PA) *(with B. Galbraith, K. Scudder, & M. Sulkowski)*

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2017 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) *(with J. Gaies & D. Harper)*

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

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Intro Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2016 (Lakewood Ranch, FL) *(with K. DiMeo & A. Lucas)*

Assistant Trainer, 2-Day Advanced Collaborative & Mediation Training – Mosten’s Building A Profitable and Satisfying Collaborative & Mediation Practice 2015 (Tampa, FL)

### ***Publications***

F. Mosten & A. Cordover, *Building A Successful Collaborative Family Law Practice* (ABA 2018)

A. Cordover, *New LACP Ethical Standards May Change the Way We Collaborate*, The LAWYER Magazine (Mar.-Apr. 2018)

A. Cordover & R. Moskowitz, *From Co-Mediation to Collaborative Mediation: A Case Study in Client-Focused Dispute Resolution*, Commentator Magazine (Summer 2017)

A. Cordover, *When Laughter Fills the Room*, *Champions of Collaborative Divorce: Changing the Way the World Gets Divorce in Tampa Bay* Volume 1, J. Jenkins (ed.) (Open Palm Press 2017)

A. Cordover, *How Do I Get A Collaborative Case?*, The LAWYER Magazine (Nov.-Dec. 2016)

A. Cordover, *A Father’s Collaborative Divorce*, The World of Collaborative Practice Magazine (Sept. 15, 2016)

J. Gluckman & A. Cordover, *A Simplified Protocol for a Collaborative Dissolution*, The LAWYER Magazine (Summer 2015)

A. Cordover, *Involving Non-Paid Collaborative Assistants in the Process*, The World of Collaborative Practice Magazine (Sept. 1, 2014)

A. Cordover, *Top 3 Reasons to Practice Collaborative Law*, The LAWYER Magazine (Feb. 2014)

A. Cordover, *13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Okays Collaborative Law Administrative Order*, The LAWYER Magazine (Nov. 2012)

### ***Leadership and Positions in the Collaborative Movement***

- Incoming Board Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (“IACP”)
- Co-Chair, Leadership Institute, Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals (“FACP”)
- Principal and Founding Trainer, Tampa Bay Collaborative Trainers
- Principal and Founding Trainer, Peacemaking Practice Trainers
- Co-Chair, IACP Research Committee
- Board Member & Past Research Co-Chair, FACP
- Past President, Next Generation Divorce (“NGD”)
- Organizer & Advocate, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit’s Taskforce to Draft Collaborative Family Practice Administrative Order

“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

- Former Chair, Hillsborough County Bar Association (“HCBA”) Collaborative Law Section Judicial Outreach Committee
- Former Chair, NGD Reduced Rate 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**

*Legal Issues in Divorce* (with J. Lawrence & C. Hodge)  
Second Saturday – Tampa, FL 2018

*Legal Issues in Divorce* (with J. Lawrence & C. Hodge)  
Second Saturday – Westchase, FL 2018

*The Role of the Law in Initial Consultations*  
NGD New Member/Prospective Member Orientation – Tampa, FL 2018

*LGBTQ Relationships: The New Family and Collaborative Practice* (with Nancy Brodzki, J. Gaies, & K. DiMeo)  
6th Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Coral Gables, FL 2018

*Stop, Collaborate and Market!* (with T. Tenret)  
St. Petersburg Bar Association & Clearwater Bar Association – St. Petersburg, FL 2018

*Collaborative Unscripted: The Role of Creativity in the Process* (with B. Galbraith & K. Scudder)  
18th Annual IACP Forum – Philadelphia, PA 2017

*Newbies Meet Veterans: Getting Involved in the Collaborative Movement* (with Y. Berger)  
18th Annual IACP Forum – Philadelphia, PA 2017

*Collaborative Practice & Social Media: Getting The Word Out*  
Brandon POD of Next Generation Divorce – Brandon, FL 2017

“As a Collaborative practitioner in Florida, I have observed the formative work Adam has done to help develop and grow collaborative practice groups around the state...Working with Adam as a trainer and as a committee co-chair, I have found him to be industrious, responsive, well-spoken, and reliable. He is both a team player and an independent thinker who can artfully engage in difficult conversations for the benefit of organizational goals. From a personal perspective, Adam is an individual with drive and integrity who is a pleasure to work with. He has a seemingly endless supply of creative energy, optimism, and good humor.”

Barbara Kelly, Ph.D.  
Former Treasure and Co-Chair  
of Research Committee,  
International Academy of  
Collaborative Professionals

*LGBTQ Relationships: The New Family and Out-of-Court Dispute Resolution* (with J. Gaies)  
Florida's Dispute Resolution Center Conference – Orlando, FL 2017

*Collaborative Unscripted: The Role of Creativity in the Process* (with B. Kelly & E. Miller-Ponn)  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2017

*The Cost of Collaboration: Efficiency vs. Cutting Corners* (with B. Galbraith & M. Sulkowski)  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2017

*Lessons Learned: One Attorney's Experience from Litigation to Collaboration*  
Florida Civil Collaborative Practice Group – Tampa, FL 2017

*Growing Your Collaborative Practice: Doing Well by Doing Good*  
Northwest Florida Collaborative Law Group – Panama City, FL 2017

*Building A Profitable Peacemaking Practice* (with Z. Zacks-Gabriel)  
Academy of Professional Family Mediators 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Memphis, TN 2017

*A Peacemaker's Signature: Aligning Values, Interests, and Practice* (with B. Galbraith)  
Collaborative Professionals of Washington 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Lake Chelan, WA 2017

*Collaborative Divorce: Protecting Tampa Bay's Families* (with J. Chase, M. Girard, & R. Moskowitz)  
Tampa Interbay Rotary Club – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Divorce: Preserving Wealth, Privacy, and Time* (with S. Hoerber & T. O'Connor)  
Sabal Trust Company – St. Petersburg, FL 2016

*Collaborative Marriage Planning*  
South Tampa POD of Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Multiverse: This is Not the Bermuda Triangle* (with B. Galbraith & K. Scudder)  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP Forum – Lake Las Vegas, NV 2016

*Beginning A Collaborative Case* (with E. Ware and K. DiMeo)  
Hillsborough County Bar Association Collaborative Law Section – Tampa, FL 2016

*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

*Interests as Motivation*  
Woody Mosten's Peacemaker Trainer Master Class – Chicago, IL 2016

*A Father's Perspective on His Collaborative Divorce* (with J. Chase and C. Schell)  
Tampa Bay Tomorrow with Corey Dylan on iHeart Radio – Tampa, FL 2016

*Building A Courtless Practice* (with R. Merlin)  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

*The Collaborative Multiverse: The Journey Continues* (with B. Kelly and E. Miller-Ponn)  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Family Law: The Smart Alternative to Courtroom Divorce* (with S. Johnson & M. Epstein)  
Cohen & Grieb, P.A. – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Cutting Edge Alternative to Courtroom Divorce* (with J. Spicer & L. Peterman)  
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

*“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

*Analyzing Preliminary Results of Statewide Collaborative Survey*  
Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals Leadership Retreat – Winter Park, FL 2016

*FACP Collaborative Divorce Roundtable* (with E. Sachs & J. Morris)  
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* (with J. Jenkins)  
Nova Southeastern University Collaborative Training – Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2015

*The New Family: LGBT Family Law*  
Family Court Professional Collaborative of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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* (with A. Jefferis)  
Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*The Financial Savings of Collaborative Divorce Compared to Courtroom Divorce* (with J. Jenkins)  
Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*Introducing Collaborative Divorce* (with L. Peterman)  
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*  
12<sup>th</sup> 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?* (with B. Kelly & E. Miller Ponn)  
Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida – Orlando, FL 2015

*Collaborative Practice and Status Update of Florida Same-Sex Marriage*  
12<sup>th</sup> 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* (with B. Galbraith & K. Scudder)  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP Forum – Vancouver, B.C., Canada 2014

*Recognizing and Managing the Challenging Client* (with R. Merlin, E. Sachs, and L. Stern)  
Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Tampa, FL 2014

*Gaining Collaborative Experience While Giving Back Through Pro Bono Work* (with J. Jenkins, L. Beraja, & R. Goodman)  
Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida Second Annual Conference – Orlando, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law – A Better Divorce* (with S. Johnson)  
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Ask-A-Lawyer Series – Carrollwood, FL 2014

*"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 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

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

*Resources for Collaborative Professionals in Sarasota & Manatee Counties* (with B. Pope)  
12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce and Christian Family Values* (with J. Jenkins)  
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* (with A. Rothstein Grace & S. Gahrns)  
IACP Leadership Academy – Manhattan Beach, CA 2014

*Responding to Criticisms of Collaborative Practice* (with J. Morris)  
Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law: The Future of Divorce is Now in Sarasota and Manatee Counties* (with B. Pope)  
12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce in Pinellas County: The Future of Divorce is Here* (with J. Morris and J. Sullivan)  
St. Petersburg Bar Association & Clearwater Bar Association – St. Petersburg, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Healthier Alternative for Divorce* (with L. Peterman & J. Sullivan)  
Suncoast Mental Health Counselors Association – Tampa, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce: Keeping the Focus on Children, Family, and the Community* (with D. Downs-Spencer & J. Sullivan)  
Stephen Ministry – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

*Collaborative Divorce: Offering A Healthier Alternative to Children and Grandchildren* (with D. Downs-Spencer & J. Sullivan)  
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* (with D. Harper)  
Collaborative Divorce Institute of Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL 2013

*Collaborative Family Law: A Healthier Alternative for Tampa Bay's Families* (with D. Harper & J. Morris)  
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* (with C. Catlin)  
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Family Practice Training – Tampa, FL 2013

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