

**EAST TENNESSEE COLLABORATIVE ALLIANCE (ETCA)
NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2017**

ETCA'S MISSION: TO PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING & DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND TO ENCOURAGE PARTIES TO REACH AGREEMENTS IN A CREATIVE & RESPECTFUL MANNER

Name: _____ Profession: _____

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

- 1. Credentials:** Please list all professional licenses and/or mediation listings held, the years you received each license or listing, the state(s) in which you are authorized to practice with each license, *and whether each license or listing is currently in good standing*. In addition, please describe on a separate piece of paper any disciplinary action taken against you and subsequent resolution on it by your licensing/listing governing body in the last two years.

- 2. Insurance:** All ETCA members are required to have up-to-date professional liability insurance. Please state whether you currently have professional liability insurance, what company it is through, and the date the policy expires.

- 3. Committees:** ETCA is an all-volunteer organization and therefore all ETCA *Members are required to actively participate on a working committee to do the organization's work*. ETCA will have the following four committees in the coming year and each Committee meets at least quarterly:

- a. Membership Committee:** The Membership Committee maintains the membership database that tracks members' training, practice group attendance, and committee participation. They also disseminate membership information and applications to potential ETCA members, initially screen applications, and deal with other member-related issues that may arise.

- b. Training Committee:** The Training Committee plans and implements the education and training of attorneys, financial professionals, and mental health professionals in the collaborative divorce process. This may include basic collaborative law training, interest-based negotiation training, family law for non-lawyers, and other topics of interest, based on the membership's needs.
- c. Public Education & Marketing Committee:** The Marketing & Public Education Committee plans and implements ways to educate the public, the allied professions, the bench and bar about the collaborative divorce process to encourage more divorcing couples to consider and use collaborative divorce. As a result, this Committee's work includes marketing and public relations.
- d. Protocols Committee:** The Protocols Committee proposes internal rules and guidelines related to best practices in Collaborative Divorce. The Committee is considering proposals to obtain official recognition of and guidelines for collaborative practice in Tennessee. This Committee is also responsible for insuring that Members comply with ETCA Practice Guidelines. Individuals with an interest in legislation or public policy are encouraged to work with this Committee.

Please list the Committee(s) on which you will serve and the Chair will be in touch with you regarding upcoming meetings.

(You may serve on more than one Committee.) _____

4. **Collaborative Training.** Attorneys must complete a basic two-day collaborative law training approved by the IACP before becoming members. Financial, mental health, and mediation professionals must complete the basic training within six months of joining ETCA.

a. Have you participated in a two-day collaborative law training approved by the IACP? (Attorneys must complete training before joining ETCA. Neutrals have six (6) months to complete the required collaborative training. _____

b. If so, through what organization did you complete your training and when did you complete your training?

If your two-day training was more than five years ago, what collaborative CLE/CME have you taken in the last five years? _____

5. **Rule 31 approved mediation training:** All members must complete a 40-hour or 46-hour mediation training approved by the Tennessee Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, but need not be listed as a Rule 31 mediator, unless you will act in the role of a mediator for a collaborative case. This requirement must be completed within the first year of membership.

- a. For each type of mediation training you have completed, please list the training, date of completion and trainer's name:

6. **Attendance.** Members in good standing agree to attend at least half of all monthly membership meetings, held on the 1st Thursday of each month. Monthly meetings for the 2017 membership year will be held on March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and our annual holiday party/business meeting/election of officers & board on December 7.
7. **IACP.** Have you joined or do you plan to join the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners (IACP)? _____
8. **By-laws & Collaborative Practice Pledge.** All members agree to be bound by the by-laws and any changes thereto, and must sign a pledge to uphold the ETCA Principles & Guidelines when participating in a collaborative divorce case. (See attached).

Membership categories and annual fees:

Attorney Membership	\$175.00	_____
Financial Professional Membership	\$150.00	_____
Mental Health Professional Membership	\$125.00	_____
R31 Family Mediator Membership (non-attorney)	\$100.00	_____
Special Membership (non-voting) (Law students, paralegals, other law office staff)	\$50.00	_____

Membership dues are for membership in the ETCA for the 2017 membership year which will run from March 1, 2017-December 31, 2017. The 2018 membership year and all subsequent membership years will run from January 1 through December 31.

Please send this completed application along with a check for your membership dues payable to ETCA, to: East Tennessee Collaborative Alliance, 5731 Lyons View Drive, Suite 211, Knoxville, TN 37919.

SIGNATURE

DATE