

Collaborative Task Statement

Clients will be given a Collaborative Task Statement so that they can develop settlement options prior to the final settlement meeting.

Facts: 19 year marriage. Jill lonely, met high school sweetheart and initiated separation. Jack was shocked by the separation is moving from devastation to anger. Daughter Amy angry with mom and worried about dad. Son Jake has learning issues and struggling in school now. Jill has been home with the kids, growing a jewelry business. Jack wants her to return to nursing, which she hated. Jack in sales, travels extensively. Jack is close to Amy and involved in her sports. Jack thinks Jill exaggerates Jake's learning problems and is overprotective. Jack and Jill are still in the house.

Jill's expressed goals and concerns

- Jack to understand her loneliness in the marriage and forgive her
- Avoid conflict with Jack and tension in house-needs Jack to move out
- Repair relationship p with Amy
- Amy not to worry about dad - Jack to take care of himself
- Wants loving and present partner but feels guilty about impact on kids and Jack
- Continue to do logistics of parenting, supervision of school, counseling, activities
- Jake to be successful in school and Jack to support special needs
- Jack to be involved with kids and realistic about time available to pa rent
- be independent, not controlled by Jack
- fulfilling career of her choosing that allows her to be available to kids
- Jack not to resent her

Jack's expressed goals and concerns

- Have enough for condo or small house with room for the child rent
- Kids to understand separation not his choice and Jill to understand the impact of her decision
- Be involved dad with balanced time
- Jill to understand financial realities-need for her to go back to nursing ASAP, not pursue a hobby
- Clean break
- Certainty, not open-ended obligations
- Be able to pull back from work and spend more time with the kids
- Be able to retire when he wants