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Early Neutral Consultation (ENC) INTAKE SUMMARY FOR COUPLES

“Family Law made Easier with Early Neutral Consultation”

Early Neutral Consultation:

- Is a structured informational meeting for separating couples which lasts approximately 90 mins.
- Is for couples who are not yet decided on how to best approach their separation process and need information to organize moving forward with their separation process.
- Is for couples together to hear ranges of the law and processes, and contacts needed to move through separation/divorce, stay out of court and save family resources.
- Is unique to the facts of each family (e.g., parenting, support, financial matters, as appropriate).
- Is a meeting that assists couples to move forward in evaluating their range of options. Couples listen to information, and ask questions and clarifications, without the added pressure of having to make binding decisions in the meeting.

Before the meeting:

- You do not need to bring any written documents to the meeting; just your questions and ideas.
- Contact our voice messaging system (705 797 2680) to schedule a meeting time that suits you both.
- Arrive 10 mins prior to the meeting start time to complete the Family Details “Intake Form”.
- After you complete the Family Details “Intake Form” you will meet with the Family Consultant to explain the Early Neutral Consultation (ENC) and read/sign the “Joint Acknowledgement and Joint Non-Retainer Form” (for lawyer consultants) or the “Joint Acknowledgement Form” (for non-lawyer consultants).

After the meeting:

- Family Consultants who are lawyers cannot be retained and do not represent or provide legal advice to any clients. Family Consultants who are neutral professionals (e.g., mediators, coaches) may be retained to provide ongoing neutral services.
- ENC is the best first step for many separating couples who believe they can, and wish to, attend an ENC and then move efficiently to select their process and professionals to finalize their separation agreement. Couples are empowered with information and responsible for their own choices to move forward with choosing appropriate professionals and processes after the meeting (e.g., mediation, legal advice, parenting coaching, financial coaching, etc).
- Free government-produced brochures will be provided at the end of the meeting as needed; and contacts to professionals as appropriate, keeping in mind limitation periods as set out in the non-retainer form and discussed at the meeting. (www.FamilyLawPathways.com).

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