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COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW

Attorney Mary Ellen Flynn at **ANDALMAN & FLYNN**, **PC** is a respected Maryland & Washington, DC attorney whose practice includes collaborative divorce law & mediation, to help parting couples restructure their families without the added pain often involved in going to court.

With 21 years of experience, Mary Ellen explains that the collaborative divorce process utilizes a joint problem solving approach; considering the interests and priorities of both spouses and their children. In the collaborative model, both spouses and their attorneys commit in writing to share all pertinent information which remains confidential to the process, to communicate respectfully, constructively & creatively, to participate in conferences, and to file nothing unilaterally in court until a final settlement is reached. If either party goes to court sooner, both attorneys have to withdraw and the parties retain new counsel. Mary Ellen is quick to point out that collaborative divorce is also available for non-traditional families, including LGBT families.

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