**appendix l: Sample letter to enroll the spouse in the Collaborative Process**

Date

Spouse of Client

Address

Dear [Spouse]:

Your husband, Joe Spouse, has retained me to assist him in connection with obtaining a marital dissolution. I understand he provided to you the IACP Brochure describing the Collaborative Process. This process has been highly regarded by clients, lawyers, and judges, and is an effective and civilized method for resolving the issues involved in a divorce. Your husband would like to proceed this way, and I urge you to consider selecting the Collaborative Process yourself.

The attorneys who are listed on the following websites share a commitment to helping clients reach settlements: [www.collaborativepractice.com](http://www.collaborativepractice.com), [www.marylandcollaborativepractice.com](http://www.marylandcollaborativepractice.com), [www.collablawmaryland.org](http://www.collablawmaryland.org), [www.collaborativedivorcemd.com](http://www.collaborativedivorcemd.com), [www.hococollaborativeprofessionals.com](http://www.hococollaborativeprofessionals.com), [www.carrollcollaborativelaw.com](http://www.carrollcollaborativelaw.com), [www.fairdivorcemaryland.com](http://www.fairdivorcemaryland.com), [www.collaborativepracticedc.com](http://www.collaborativepracticedc.com), [www.vacollaborativepractice.com](http://www.vacollaborativepractice.com), and www.cpnova.com. These attorneys, who are knowledgeable about both the collaborative and conventional divorce process, are not affiliated with one another. You are, of course, free to select your own attorney from this or any other source.

Whether or not you agree that it would be appropriate to use the Collaborative Process in your divorce, I ask that you contact my office or let my office know who you will be retaining as your attorney, or alternatively, that your attorney contact us within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, so the attorneys can begin assisting you and your husband through the divorce process.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation and look forward to working this matter out in an amicable fashion.

Very truly yours,

NAME

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