

Collaborative Working Group | FLO Guidelines

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This Guideline is made further to the terms and definitions in the [Universal Terms of Use](#) and [FLO Community Terms of Use](#)

CWG description & purpose

The [Collaborative Working Group](#) consists of a private forum for Collaborative Professionals to share information and ask questions on procedure, communication, research, and process. The CWG's FLO Working Group Page (as defined in the [FLO Community Terms of Use](#)) is an area of the Platform reserved exclusively for CWG members (who are also members of FLO). CWG membership is restricted, and confidentiality among those who participate in the CWG's private forum is expressly required.

Membership in CWG

Who can join the CWG

The CWG is restricted to persons who work in British Columbia in the area of family law and have trained in collaborative practice. CWG members may either be lawyers, child specialists, divorce coaches or financial specialists, however priority will be given to lawyers in the event that there are limited memberships. Each member must have read and be prepared to abide by the Guidelines contained herein and following (click blue links to read):

- [Universal Terms of Use](#)
- [FLO Community Terms of Use](#)
- [FLO Guidelines](#)

[\[Link to join\]](#)

Content and Confidentiality

Duty to keep CWG content appropriate and confidential

To ensure that the CWG members will share Content responsibly and participate freely in members-only discussions, all Users who are granted access to the CWG Working Group Page shall:

- not ask any questions in relation to a specific file or that would cause the reader to be able to identify the file, questions should be asked generally and not in relation to any specific fact pattern;
- not use this forum to complain, criticize professionals, or speak negatively of other professionals;
- not forward or otherwise distribute Content, unless expressly permitted by the Content owner, to anyone, including any other FLO Members;
- Users are specifically reminded of ss. 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d of the [Universal Terms of Use](#);
- Users shall not post Content that divulges confidential client information or engage in communications about a client that may reveal the client's identity even though the client is not named; and
- Users will not use the CWG to solicit business.

Collaborative Working Group (“CWG”) Membership Application Certification

I certify that:

- I work in British Columbia in the area of family law and have trained in collaborative practice.
- I have recently read and understood the following documents:
 - Universal Terms of Use <https://www.lawbster.net/content/379/universal-terms-of-use>
 - FLO Community Terms of Use <https://www.lawbster.net/content/409/flo-community-terms-of-use>
 - FLO Collaborative Working Group Guidelines <https://lawbster.net/content/7447/collaborative-working-group-guidelines>
- I agree to abide by the terms and restrictions contained in the above documents as a condition to membership in the CWG.
- I agree not to share the information I obtain through the CWG with others who are not CWG members (unless expressly permitted by the Content owner), except where it is for the purposes of working with my clients and I can do so in a manner that:
 - permits me to vet the information before I share it,
 - anonymizes the source of the information (including any metadata),
 - omits any personal views or opinions contained in the information that is not essential to the purposes of working with my clients, and
 - eliminates, as much as possible, any risk that the identity of another CWG member might be disclosed, directly or indirectly.
- Before posting information to the CWG’s FLO Working Group Page that may disclose information relating to a particular file, I understand that it is my duty to determine whether other members of the CWG are working for another party in that file, and whether disclosing such information would breach a professional duty to maintain confidentiality.

Confirm Certification and Agreement*

Please grant me access to the CWG’s FLO Working Group Page.

- ✓ I have read the above and do certify and agree to same