



collaborative law and practice schweiz
kooperatives verhandeln

What is Collaborative Law and Practice?

Collaborative Law and Practice (**clp**) is an alternative dispute resolution (ADR), out-of-court procedure to resolve conflicts. Choosing **clp** offers both legal and emotional support to those searching for a just settlement.

Clp works with specific, scientifically and empirically based methods and according to the **clp** rules. Rather than confrontational tactics, **clp** experts use cooperative strategies to negotiate fair, resilient and sustainable solutions that resolve conflicts with the affected parties. Similar to mediation procedures, **clp** procedures focus on the interests of those involved.

With **clp**, you will be supported by an interdisciplinary team, usually consisting of two lawyers and one or two neutral specialist(s) for couples and families. Depending on your needs, other neutral specialists for the children or a financial expert for the family might be consulted. Together with the guidance of your lawyer, you decide who is brought in to the process, and at what point participation is advisable.

For whom is Collaborative Law and Practice suitable?

Clp is a desirable approach for all those who do not wish to leave the outcome of their conflict to lawyers and courts, while being well advised both legally and emotionally. **Clp** is mainly applied in family law (e.g. separations or divorces) and inheritance law (division of estates, inheritance regulation), but can also be applied in other conflictual legal areas.

Help for parents and children

Clp breaks new ground in family law. Couples and their children are accompanied during their separation or divorce not only legally but also emotionally. At the beginning of the **clp** proceedings, the lawyers involved clarify with the parties involved which specialists are most appropriate to help resolve their conflict. In addition to **clp** lawyers, specialists for couples and families, specialists for children, and financial experts are also available. The aim of all those involved is to find a comprehensive solution so that the persons concerned can ideally meet each other again in the future in a more carefree comfort level.

Questions?

Please contact a **clp** specialist in your area if you have any questions. On our home page you can find **clp** specialists who also work in English.