



## Membership Application for Next Generation Divorce

Below is a list of our membership requirements based on Section 3 of our By-laws. Please read before completing your membership application to ensure you qualify to become a member of Next Generation Divorce (NGD).

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- (a) **Regular Members** who meet the requirements for membership set forth in SECTION 3.2 and SECTION 3.3 and are actively engaged in the following professions:
- (i) Florida attorneys (1) in good standing with the Florida Bar who (2) regularly practice family law and (3) have at least 2 years of experience in family law;
  - (ii) Florida licensed mental health professionals, including social workers, psychologists, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and psychiatrists who are (1) in good standing with their licensing authority and have been licensed for at least 3 years and (2) willing and able to serve as a neutral mental health professional/collaborative facilitator;
  - (iii) Florida licensed financial professionals who are (1) (a) CDFA **and** either CFP or ChFC; or (b) CPAs with advanced designation of CFE, CBA, ABV, CFF, CFFA, or CVA, (2) in good standing with their licensing authority and have been licensed for at least 3 years, and (3) willing and able to serve as a neutral financial professional.
- (b) **Allied Professionals (formerly Associate Members)**. Natural persons, corporations and other organizations who support the goals, purposes and philosophy of the corporation and who are approved for membership by the Board of Directors. Allied Professionals shall have all the same rights as Regular Members— Allied Professionals generally fall into one of four categories:
- (i) Attorneys who are students or have less than 2 years of experience in family law;
  - (ii) Mental Health Professionals or Financial Professionals who are students or who do not meet the requirements for Regular Membership, but work with someone in their office who does meet those requirements;
  - (iii) Natural persons that are otherwise not qualified to become Regular Members but have extensive experience and recognized training in family law-related field and could serve as an adjunct collaborative team member; or
  - (iv) Corporations or organizations that support the goals of the Corporation and are approved for membership by the Board of Directors.
- (c) **Honorary Members**. Judges, General Magistrates, and others as determined by the Board of Directors may be granted complimentary, honorary membership.
- (d) **Exceptions**. The Board has the right to make exceptions to these requirements if they see fit.
- (e) **Effective Date**. These standards are in effect as of January 1, 2017. These standards are prospective, and not retroactive. Accordingly, all current members who are paid in full as of this date but who do not meet the standards above are grandfathered in.

### OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP (REGULAR MEMBERS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS):

- a) Pay annual dues.
- b) Completed a two-day introductory collaborative training course.
- c) Join and maintain membership with the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP).
- d) Acknowledge a commitment to adhere to the principles and guidelines of collaborative family law as prescribed by this organization and to apply the principles of collaborative law in applicable cases.
- e) Attend on an annual basis, no less than 6 hours of annual and program meetings, operating meetings, POD meetings, regional or national group meetings, or other activities and meetings related to NGD, unless excused for good cause.
- f) Participate actively as an officer or director, serve actively on a committee, participate on the speaker's panel, participate actively during meetings, participate actively in POD meetings, or provide other suitable publicity for the Corporation through contacts in the community.
- g) Be strongly encouraged to link their websites to the Corporation's website [<http://NextGenerationDivorce.com>].
- h) Participate in at least one pro bono collaborative case or reduced rate collaborative case, or serve as an unpaid collaborative assistant/observer in at least one collaborative case.

**BASIC INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ATTORNEYS**

Florida Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Practice in Family Law: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Practice in Family Law: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifications/Designations: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Board Certified in Family Law?  Yes  No

**FOR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Years of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Practice in Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifications/Designations: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to accept the role of a neutral financial professional or neutral mental health professional/  
collaborative facilitator?  Yes  No

If not, what role do you envision yourself playing in a collaborative case? \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ALL PROFESSIONALS**

Have you participated in a collaborative divorce case?  Yes  No

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a litigated (non-collaborative) divorce case?  Yes  No

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRAINING SECTION**

**Have you completed a Basic/Introductory Training?**  
*(Completion of Basic/Introductory Training is a membership requirement.)*

 Yes No

**Have you completed an Intermediate/Advanced Training?**

 Yes No

**List all completed trainings; include dates, location, trainers, and type of training. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)**

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**Have you ever had any prior disciplinary actions by the Florida Bar or any other licensing authority?**  
If yes, please provide an explanation in an attached sheet.

 Yes  No

**Are you a Mediator?**  
If yes, are you certified?

 Yes No Yes No

**Reason for joining:**

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**REFERENCES**

**If you have not been a member of NGD in a prior year, provide two references of current members: (One from a Financial Professional or Mental Health Professional and one from an Attorney.)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEES

Do you wish to serve on a committee of NGD?

Yes

No

If yes, please place an "X" next to any committee on which you are interested in serving.

**Public Education Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include coordinating the speaker's Bureau, Community Events, and public media, or testimonials.

**Website Development & Maintenance Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible for contributing content to and editing our monthly e-newsletter.

**Membership Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include reviewing membership applications, ensuring membership compliance with obligations, welcoming new and prospective members, and serving as a POD Leader.

**Programming Committee:** Tampa \_\_\_\_\_ Sarasota \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include planning, coordinating, and overseeing the bi-monthly program meetings.

**Training Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include planning, coordinating, and overseeing annual collaborative introductory and/or advanced trainings.

**Modest Means Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include organizing the Pro Bono or Reduced Rate program and assigning Pro Bono or Reduced Rate cases.

**Collaborative Assistant Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities include organizing the Collaborative Assistant program and assigning Collaborative Assistants to cases.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE

Annual dues of **\$200.00** are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Prorated dues are \$100.00 for new members starting July 1<sup>st</sup> or later. As you are required to become an IACP member, you will be responsible for paying your IACP dues within two weeks of your NGD Membership Application and subsequent annual renewals. Upon review of your application by the Membership Committee and Executive Board, you will be notified of your membership status. If, for any reason, your application is not accepted, your payment will be returned to you.

If you wish to pay by check, please return your application and payment to the address below. Please make checks payable to:

Next Generation Divorce  
6930 West Linebaugh Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33625.

If you wish to pay by credit card, an electronic invoice in the amount of \$205 will be emailed to you upon approval of your Membership Application. The additional \$5 is related to fees charged by PayPal.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further promise to uphold my obligations as a member, including acting in a professional and collaborative manner, as outlined in the Bylaws of the Next Generation Divorce. (By-laws are available to any existing or potential member upon request.)

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

