

# COLLABORATIVE PracticeTips

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A monthly bulletin from the CP Cal Practice Excellence Committee

The Practice Excellence Committee is pleased to offer tips to help you increase your Collaborative cases and achieve *practice excellence*.

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### **2021 Celebration XV Highlights - Still Celebrating After All These Years!**

Over 150 participants registered this year for our virtual celebration, “Weaving the Fabric of Collaborative Practice”. Attendees were thoroughly fulfilled with opportunities to learn, remember, play, dance together and to see one another again!

**IMPORTANT: If you registered and missed any of the plenaries or workshops, you still have access for one year – link provided at the bottom of this highlight.**

#### **Quotes from this year’s Participants:**

- “Loved the energy of being at celebration with my tribe. Like minded, intelligent and spiritual people.” Kathy Campbell
- “Amazed at how the platform worked, especially for presenters, and how smooth the workshops went. Appreciated the flow of the days, not starting too early or going too late, and having opportunities for fun.” Cathy Daigle
- “So energizing, truly inspirational, to work on creating and co-creating how to work on teams starting with ourselves and collaborating with others.” Beth Proudfoot
- “So impressed by the “Bill and Mary” case study and the team that

- presented. Reminded me to review the basics. Inspirational!" LIZ SALLIN
- "I love how we don't have to explain ourselves to each other, we get it, lawyers who care and want to work with other human professionals to help families." Jacinta Gallant
- "I loved the sense of the creative energy in the air. I still talk about the Divorce Options workshop I took at CPCAL." Ann Tamar- Mattis
- "I didn't know I'd have this sense of community on a virtual platform until I participated in the conference." Sharon Clark
- "Tech support from Pathable was great!" Shawn Skillin

**THE VERDICT IS IN!!! All who attended cannot say enough about EACH of the Plenary Sessions. All were stimulating, informational and inspiring! DO NOT MISS!!!**

### **Dine Around Highlights:**

- Who said we can't have fun on Zoom?
- Several meeting rooms were opened as the workshops ended on Friday with a variety of themes to choose from.
- Some of the favorites included GOAT; Drawasaurus; and Cocktails and Game Night, which combined a super fun and entertaining mixed drink demonstration by Kerry and Dave Wallis and an app called "Psych!", an Ellen game, where we all competed for the correct answers to obscure laws and facts, while attempting to psych our co-players out with our own creatively fake answers!

### **Favorite Workshops:**

- "Bill and Mary: The Story Continues" – Observe skillful collaborative team work in action and be inspired to improve your collaborative practice skills. A must-see!
- "Home Will Never Be the Same Again: A Guide for Adult Children of Gray Divorce" - Well organized! A uniquely conceptual service where the Adult Child Specialist meets with the divorcing couple's adult children and gathers information about their needs and their relationship with their parents. The Adult Child Specialist brings this information to meetings with the parents and their Coaches. The Specialist also creates a framed picture of each adult child, decorated with objects representing some of their activities and interests. These framed pictures are then presented to the couple, sitting out at every meeting, helping them to visualize each adult child as they negotiate the terms of their collaborative divorce. This is a very powerful visual.
- "Elder Care Mediation" - We explored complexities including illness, dementia, care-giving, medical and living accommodations, family communication and family dynamics - good and bad, within the context of how a neutral mediator can facilitate an effective plan for the family to work together toward the best interests of their elderly parents. A few case scenarios were used to illustrate and teach options.
- "Bankruptcy" – If your clients are struggling and/or appear to have debt issues, definitely consider referring them to a Credit/Debt Counselor (aka Bankruptcy Attorney) to help them explore all available options! Very informative workshop.

**It's not too late to Celebrate! If you were registered and did not get to attend everything you really wanted to see, you still have access to Pathable link for the rest of the year!**

**All workshops and plenary recordings are available on the Celebration Platform for CP Cal registered attendees to view until April 21st, 2022. Login into the Platform at:**

<https://cpcalcelebration.pathable.co/>

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- Select agenda on the Schedule tab, then select the session you would like to view.
- The recordings will appear on the Session Details Page.
- On this same Page you can click the Files Tab to view any posted course materials.
- Please note that recorded sessions may not qualify for the same CE credits as attending the live session.

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!!!** PCI's will be recorded in the future and made available on another platform. Stay tuned!

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### From the PEC:

Three Things You Really Can Do on LinkedIn This Week 1. Add a current photo to your profile. Already have one? Add another to the banner. This is a little trickier! Find one that shows you doing something interesting in your personal life. Love to fish? Ski? Travel? Garden? Show you in a context other than work to contrast with that stiff headshot.

2. Add Collaborative Divorce to your "headline." This is the section in BOLD just below your photo. I am shocked every time I look up a colleague on LinkedIn and they don't even mention that they do Collaborative!

3. Scroll through your feed and find a few posts you like from colleagues you respect and "like" and comment.

If you're feeling confident and like this was too easy, you can also post something in your feed about your practice group's upcoming Divorce Options class with a link to your practice group website. AND, when you're done with all that, connect with me and ask me to come to admire your work!



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