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## Gray Reed & McGraw Attorneys Discuss Collaborative Law and Divorce

KHOU's Great Day Houston

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[Jack Emmott](#) and Kate McConnico were guests on KHOU's Great Day Houston where they discussed collaborative law as an option for couples seeking a divorce. In collaborative law, couples mutually agree to voluntary disclosure of relevant information, which is much faster and less expensive than formal discovery. Financial advisers and communications coaches help couples find mutual grounds for what they want out of the divorce, and the lawyers and advisors try to make sure both parties leave happy.

To listen to the interview, go to any of the following segments:

- 1st Half – Discussion on Collaborative Law
- 2nd Half – Discussion on Collaborative Law
- [Live Audience Q&A on Legal Issues](#)

Kate McConnico, a Member with Gray Reed & McGraw's family law section, is Board Certified in Family Law. Her practice focuses on family law litigation, collaborative law, mediation and civil court guardian ad litem appointments for children. Family law experience includes divorce proceedings, property characterization, valuation and division, child support modifications, modifications of visitation and parental rights, enforcement of court orders, pre-marital and post-marital agreements, adoptions, mediations and collaborative law divorce settlements. Ms. McConnico has tried jury and non-jury cases before courts handling family law matters in Harris, Galveston, Montgomery, Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties. Additionally, she has training in alternative resolution techniques and strives to help clients reach amicable, economically wise solutions before resorting to litigation. Finally, she has handled over 150 guardian ad litem appointments in civil court injury cases analyzing and structuring settlements for children.

Jack Emmott, a Member at Gray Reed & McGraw, was interviewed by the Houston Business Journal as he discusses collaborative law as an option for couples seeking a divorce. Jack Emmott is Board Certified in both Family Law and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His practice focuses on Collaborative Family Law, Family Law Litigation, Mediation, and Guardianship and Probate Litigation. His extensive civil trial and family law experience includes jury trials in divorce proceedings involving children and property as



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well as breach of contract, wrongful termination, recovery of real estate commission, wrongful death, personal injury, real property disputes between land owners, and infringement of patent rights. He has successfully assisted clients in matters involving property characterization, valuation and division of property, child support modification, modification of custody and parental rights, termination of parental rights, paternity, enforcement of court orders, premarital and post-marital agreements, adoptions, mediations, and collaborative law divorces with marital and separate property estates in the many millions of dollars. Jack has tried cases in Harris, Galveston, Montgomery, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Angleton, and Bexar Counties. Jack's significant trial and collaborative law experience includes representing entrepreneurs, business owners, sports professionals, medical professionals and other attorneys.

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