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## Jack Emmott Discusses the Value of Collaborative Law

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[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. 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.

“In court you think like a warrior,” says Emmott. “When you’re in collaborative, you really think like a peacemaker.” Emmott, who is also chair of the Houston Bar Association’s collaborative law section, says a divorce can be resolved in four to six meetings held in law offices or neutral sites instead of a courtroom.

To see the entire article, go to

<http://houston.bizjournals.com/houston/stories/2009/09/21/story5.html>

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 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.