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### Your Clients Need a Divorce Lawyer Who is a Problem-Solver Rather Than a Troublemaker

In divorce, many attorneys emphasize “who did what” and who should be blamed. Focusing on anger guarantees high fees because the increased conflict means the issues will take longer to resolve. Even if these attorneys “win” their point, as Abraham Lincoln noted, “the nominal winner is often a real loser--in fees, expenses, and waste of time.”

Divorcing couples have a hard enough journey without having to deal with the additional stress, conflict, and expense of an adversarial divorce process. And there are other options available.

The collaborative divorce process and mediation both focus on solutions instead of blame. Collaborative divorce lawyers and mediators like myself are trained to be peacemakers and problem-solvers. We are always on the lookout for ways to help clients reach agreements that are safe and secure for both. We focus on the future rather than the past.

Here are a few examples for comparison:

- Trouble-making attorneys look for weak spots, digging into personal lives to exploit weaknesses
- Problem-solving attorneys look for the remaining strengths in a relationship and build on those
- Trouble-making attorneys give clients fantasy outcomes, telling them what they want to hear no matter how unrealistic.
- Problem-solving attorneys give clients realistic expectations and help them find compromise solutions with resources to overcome challenges
- Trouble-making attorneys will use threats to force compliance
- Problem-solving attorneys find productive ways to bridge differences

While a trouble-making attorney might use a spouse’s past misconduct as a reason not to trust them going forward, a problem-solving attorney finds ways to rebuild trust, such as starting with

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small agreements.

Divorcing clients deserve honesty, realistic advice, pragmatic solutions, and a straightforward path that keeps their costs low. They won't get that from a troublemaker.

So, when your clients face the prospect of divorce, urge them to consider the approach taken by the attorneys they interview, and to choose a legal advisor committed to finding realistic solutions rather than one whose extravagant strategies might win the battle but lose the war.

Vacca Family Law Group focuses on finding peaceful solutions that protect families. We'd love to talk to you about how we could assist your clients as they move forward to their best life ahead.

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