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*"Adam is one of the rising stars*

*nationally in the Collaborative*

*Movement...He is truly of the next*

*generation of peacemakers!"*

Forrest S. Mosten, Esq.  
Author, Collaborative Divorce  
Handbook

***Professional Profile of Adam B. Cordover***

Leading efforts to offer Florida's families healthier alternatives to courtroom battles.

***Education, Admissions, and Training***

**Masters of Arts, International Affairs**

American University, Washington, DC 2008

**Juris Doctor**

American University, Washington, DC. 2007

**Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Jewish Studies**

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2003

**Certificate, International Relations**

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2003

**Bar Admissions**

State Bar of Florida 2008

**Mediation Certification**

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator 2015

**Collaborative & Mediation Trainings Attended**

Peacemaker Train the Trainer Master Class, Forrest S. Mosten 2016 (Chicago, IL)

Advanced Mediation (*Pro Se* Mediation), Meredith Cohen 2016 (Orlando, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Promises and Challenges), Ron Ousky 2016 (Tampa, FL)

40-Hour Introductory Mediation Training, Gregory Firestone 2015 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Building A Successful Collaborative Practice), Forrest S. Mosten 2015 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Moving from I to We), Linda Solomon & Rita Pollack 2014 (St. Petersburg, FL)

Basic Collaborative, Collaborative Law Training Associates 2014 (Sarasota, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative (Streamlined Protocols), Collaborative Divorce Institute 2014 (Tampa, FL)

Advanced Collaborative (Negotiating in the Eye of the Storm), Victoria Smith & Linda Solomon 2013 (Orlando, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative, Florida Collaborative Trainers 2013 (Tampa, FL)

Basic & Advanced Collaborative, Lone Star Collaborative Trainers 2011 (Tampa, FL)

***Trainings Conducted***

Assistant Trainer, 40-Hour Basic Mosten Family Mediation Training 2016 (Los Angeles, CA)

Principal Trainer, 2-Day Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training 2016 (Lakewood Ranch, FL)

*"I was thoroughly impressed with*

*Adam as a presenter. It's clear that*

*he is passionate about Collaborative*

*Practice and that makes him even*

*more engaging as a trainer."*

Angela Perkinson, CPA, CFE  
Attendee, 2016 2-Day  
Introductory Interdisciplinary  
Collaborative Training in  
Lakewood Ranch, FL

*“Adam Cordover has one of the most engaging presentation styles I have seen during my many years of working with Collaborative Professionals and trainers. He is one of those rare presenters that has the courage to put himself in the moment and engage his audience in real time. His inquisitive nature and ability to adapt to what is happening in the room provide entertaining and insightful ways to learn the complex skills that are crucial to our work. His true passion for Collaborative Practice and his ready humor make it easy to stay engaged.”*

Ron Ousky, Esq.  
Former President, International  
Academy of Collaborative  
Professionals

## ***Leadership and Positions in the Collaborative Movement***

- Principal and Founding Trainer, Tampa Bay Collaborative Trainers
- Founding Trainer, Peacemaking Practice Trainers
- Past President, Next Generation Divorce (“NGD”)
- Board Member & Research Co-Chair, Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Organizer & Advocate, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit’s Taskforce to Draft Collaborative Family Practice Administrative Order
- Former Chair, Hillsborough County Bar Association (“HCBA”) Collaborative Law Section Judicial Outreach Committee
- Former Chair, NGD Reduced Rate Committee
- Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (“IACP”) Research Committee
- Graduate, IACP Leadership Academy

## ***Notable Cases***

- *Shaw v. Shaw* – Collaborative Attorney & Appellate Attorney - The first divorce case to challenge Florida’s Defense of Marriage Act and Florida’s constitutional amendment banning recognition of same-sex marriages (Request to ratify collaborative settlement agreement and grant divorce dismissed by trial court for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, appealed to the Second District, briefly sent to the Florida Supreme Court, and reversed and remanded by the Second District)
- *Nelson and Nelson* – Collaborative Attorney - The first *pro bono* collaborative divorce case completed in Florida

## ***Pro Bono Work***

I have done *pro bono* work independently, but also through the following organizations:

- HCBA-NGD Joint Collaborative *Pro Bono* Project (Offering the interdisciplinary collaborative family law model to families in need)
- Are You Safe, Inc. (Representing Domestic Violence survivors)
- Voices for Children (Serving as Guardian ad Litem in Dependency matters)
- Bay Area Legal Services (“BALS”)
  - Family Forms Clinic (Helping indigent clients fill out Florida Supreme Court approved family law forms)
  - Domestic Violence Assistance Program (Aiding survivors of domestic violence in filling out petitions for injunction for protection against domestic violence)
  - Mentor Program (Mentoring non-family law attorneys and younger attorneys who take on *pro bono* family law cases)
  - Intake Program (Assisting in determining whether applicants qualify for *pro bono* services; helping to determine whether case appropriate for collaborative)
  - Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program (Speaking at recruitment events and encouraging attorneys to volunteer for *pro bono* work)

## ***Speaking Engagements***

*Collaborative Divorce: Preserving Wealth, Privacy, and Time*  
Sabal Trust Company – St. Petersburg, FL 2016

*Collaborative Marriage Planning*  
South Tampa POD of Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2016

“Adam is a phenomenal presenter and trainer. It is not just that he has a tremendous grasp on the material he brings to the participants, it is his manner of delivery, his training style. He is fully engaging, out of the box and entertaining. His trainings are always highly educational but in a painless and actually enjoyable way. He truly is on the cutting edge of presenters and I would recommend him without hesitation to those who are seeking the training as well as to groups or sponsors seeking to bring to their communities that effective, high level of training that Adam is known for.”

Enid Miller Ponn, Esq.  
Director, Center for  
Collaborative Divorce &  
Mediation

*Collaborative Multiverse: This is Not the Bermuda Triangle*  
IACP Forum – Lake Las Vegas, NV 2016

*Beginning A Collaborative Case*  
Hillsborough County Bar Association Collaborative Law Section – Tampa, FL 2016

*Getting the Word Out: Building Your Mediation Practice*  
Mosten Family Mediation – Los Angeles, CA 2016

*Collaborative Divorce for the Middle Class*  
Collaborative Family Law Group of Northeast Florida – Jacksonville, FL 2016

*Interests as Motivation*  
Woody Mosten’s Peacemaker Trainer Master Class – Chicago, IL 2016

*A Father’s Perspective on His Collaborative Divorce*  
Tampa Bay Tomorrow with Corey Dylan on iHeart Radio – Tampa, FL 2016

*Building A Courtless Practice*  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

*The Collaborative Multiverse: The Journey Continues*  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Family Law: The Smart Alternative to Courtroom Divorce*  
Cohen & Grieb, P.A. – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Cutting Edge Alternative to Courtroom Divorce*  
Clearwater Bar Association Family Law Section – Clearwater, FL 2016

*Making it Happen: Building Your Collaborative Practice*  
South Tampa POD of Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2016

*Analyzing Preliminary Results of Statewide Collaborative Survey*  
Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals Leadership Retreat – Winter Park, FL 2016

*FACP Collaborative Divorce Roundtable*  
Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Tampa, FL 2016

*Collaborative Divorce for Families of Modest Means*  
South Palm Beach County Collaborative Law Group – Boca Raton, FL 2015

*Increasing Your Collaborative Caseload*  
Clearwater POD of Next Generation Divorce – Clearwater, FL 2015

*Troubleshooting the Collaborative Divorce Roadmap*  
Nova Southeastern University Collaborative Training – Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2015

*The New Family: LGBT Family Law*  
Family Court Professional Collaborative of the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Fall Conference – Sarasota, FL 2015

*Building Your Collaborative Practice*  
St. Petersburg POD of Next Generation Divorce – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*Comparing and Contrasting Mediation and Collaborative Divorce*  
Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*The Financial Savings of Collaborative Divorce Compared to Courtroom Divorce*  
Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*Introducing Collaborative Divorce*  
Money Talk 1010 AM – St. Petersburg, FL 2015

*“In describing Adam, I would say that he is one of the most promising young lawyers I have met. He has energy, ambition, and an earnest approach to any task he volunteers to accomplish. He is one of those ‘can do’ guys, i.e., not just a talker, but an actual ‘doer.’”*

Nancy Harris, Esq.  
Co-Founder, Tampa Bay Collaborative Divorce Group

*“Adam B. Cordover is a young attorney who, in his brief legal career, has epitomized leadership, professionalism, and service to the community. Mr. Cordover is truly an outstanding young lawyer.”*

Joryn Jenkins, Esq.  
Author, War or Peace:  
Avoid the Destruction of  
Divorce Court

*Building Your Collaborative Practice*

Manatee POD of Next Generation Divorce – Bradenton, FL 2015

*The Final Debrief: Utilizing Florida’s Practice Survey to Address Tough Topics*

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2015

*Building a Pro Bono Collaborative Divorce Program*

Collaborative Lawyers of Southwest Florida – Fort Meyers, FL 2015

*The Collaborative Multiverse: Is there Really only ONE set of Rules?*

Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida – Orlando, FL 2015

*Collaborative Practice and Status Update of Florida Same-Sex Marriage*

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2015

*Deepening Your Collaborative Knowledge Through Blogging*

Next Generation Divorce Woody Mosten Training – Tampa, FL 2015

*The Essential Role of Collaborative Practice Groups*

South Palm Beach County Collaborative Law Group – Boca Raton, FL 2015

*How Practice Groups Create Successful Collaborators*

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals – Vancouver, B.C., Canada 2014

*Recognizing and Managing the Challenging Client*

Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Tampa, FL 2014

*Gaining Collaborative Experience While Giving Back Through Pro Bono Work*

Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida Second Annual Conference – Orlando, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law – A Better Divorce*

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Ask-A-Lawyer Series – Carrollwood, FL 2014

*Update on Tampa Same Sex Divorce Case*

Fox 13 – Tampa, FL 2014

*Resources for Collaborative Professionals in Sarasota & Manatee Counties*

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce and Christian Family Values*

Legally Speaking on Spirit F.M. 90.5 – Tampa, FL 2014

*Same-Sex Divorce and the Collaborative Law Process*

ABC Action News – Tampa, FL 2014

*Building a Volcano – An Explosive Exercise in Organizational Conflict*

IACP Leadership Academy – Manhattan Beach, CA 2014

*Responding to Criticisms of Collaborative Practice*

Next Generation Divorce – Tampa, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law: The Future of Divorce is Now in Sarasota and Manatee Counties*

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chapter of Next Generation Divorce – Sarasota, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce in Pinellas County: The Future of Divorce is Here*

St. Petersburg Bar Association & Clearwater Bar Association – St. Petersburg, FL 2014

*Collaborative Family Law: Offering A Healthier Alternative for Divorce*

Suncoast Mental Health Counselors Association – Tampa, FL 2014

*Collaborative Divorce: Keeping the Focus on Children, Family, and the Community*

Stephen Ministry – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

*“It quickly became apparent to me that Adam was extremely passionate about the collaborative movement and that he was ready, willing, and able to do just about anything to help make the collaborative movement a success. He volunteered for more tasks than anyone else in the group, and when he said he would get something done he never failed to deliver.”*

Christine Hearn, Esq.  
Former President,  
Next Generation Divorce

*“Adam Cordover is a professional on the cutting edge of the Collaborative Divorce Process in Tampa Bay, a much more humane approach to traditional divorce litigation...Adam is truly a pioneer in the Collaborative Divorce Process in Tampa Bay.”*

Eric Gregorisch, LMFT  
Former President, Tampa Bay  
Association for Marriage and  
Family Therapy

*Collaborative Divorce: Offering A Healthier Alternative to Children and Grandchildren*  
First United Methodist Church Therapists – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

*Ask A Lawyer: Collaborative Family Law*  
Fox 13 Good Day Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL 2013

*In-Depth: Collaborative Divorce in Tampa Bay*  
Bay News 9 – St. Petersburg, FL 2013

*The Basics of Pro Bono Collaborative Family Law Practice*  
Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program – Tampa, FL 2013

*Collaborative Divorce: Educating First Responders*  
Collaborative Divorce Institute of Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL 2013

*Collaborative Family Law: A Healthier Alternative for Tampa Bay’s Families*  
Tampa Bay Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – Tampa, FL 2013

*My Experience with Bay Area Legal Services*  
Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program Educational Event – Tampa, FL 2013

*Explaining Hillsborough County’s Collaborative Family Practice Administrative Order*  
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Family Practice Training – Tampa, FL 2013

*On the Cutting Edge – Collaborative Divorce*  
HCBA Family Law Section Judicial Luncheon – Tampa, FL 2012