

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE Toronto

Stu Webb Interview

The Collaborative Practice Toronto held their second annual seminar with Stu Webb, Friday April 4, 2003 in Toronto.

Marion Korn, spoke with Stu at the beginning of the seminar.
Listen to the interview and become acquainted with Stu as he talks about his personal life experiences and how he came to envision Collaborative Law.



Marion and Stu relaxing after the interview

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Marion asked the following questions of Stu:

(The numbers in parentheses indicate the time, *min* :*sec*, that the question was asked during the interview. They are included to easily follow the progress of the interview or to locate certain areas of interest.)

1. What moved you to change the way that you were practising law? (01:18)
2. Was there some defining moment for you when your beliefs and lifestyle were so at odds that it caused you to change? (02:13)

3. Did Collaborative Law come from your own personal philosophy? (05:18)
4. Was your family law work in the 1970's impacting your negativity? (09:16)
5. Do you remember how you were evolving towards the idea of Collaborative Law? (10:18)
6. At the time that you were moving towards writing the letter to Justice Keith, were there any discussions between you and any other lawyers across the country about the idea of Collaborative Law? (14:07)
7. After the letter was written, did you have a vision for Collaborative Law? (14:50)
8. When clients would come into your office, and you explained that you had disarmed yourself, how did they react? (16:50)
9. You talked about explaining to clients how Collaborative Law works; how difficult was it to explain Collaborative Law to lawyers? (21:07)
10. Has your experience been, that once the litigators are trained, they can make good Collaborative Law lawyers? (23:30)
11. What did you start to envision for Collaborative Law after the letter to Justice Keith was written? (25:30)
12. When you declared unilateral disarmament, what were your fears as to how this was going to affect your practice and your ability to carry on? (27:34)
13. While lawyers are letting go of their litigation cases, what can they do to help themselves understand the vacuum? (30:10)
14. What would you suggest as being a good growth model for the Toronto Group? What will keep the group strong? (41:40)
15. Looking back over the past 14 years, what is the most satisfying aspect of your work? (43:10)
16. Do you ever have a sense of wanting to own Collaborative Law, to have it belong to you or to put your name on it? (44:03)
17. Are there any directions that Collaborative Law has taken that you wish that you could change or have more influence over? (45:12)
18. Do you think there would have been any value in trade-marking the name in order to keep the model pure? (46:26)
19. Where do you see this going forward? (47:06)
20. Do you see cultural challenges taking Collaborative Law to different places? (47:58)
21. Do you think that the courts can be of any assistance to Collaborative Law? Do they hurt the growth of Collaborative Law? (50:00)

22. Do you know how many Collaborative Law lawyers there are? (52:53)
23. Have you traveled across the United States talking to people about Collaborative Law? (53:17)
24. Do you have a favorite metaphor for the growth of Collaborative Law? (53:34)
25. How can we as Collaborative Law lawyers thank you? What would be meaningful to you? (54:00)