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COLLABORATIVE LAWYER, MEDIATOR, TRAINER & PEACEMAKER



Mission Statement

“Empowering individuals and families to address and resolve disputes in a safe, respectful and peaceful process utilizing a multidisciplinary professional team dedicated to achieving creative results tailored to their particular needs and interests.”

I am a collaborative lawyer, mediator, trainer and peacemaker. For over 40 years I have dedicated my practice to ably and effectively representing families in conflict and/or in crisis. I also provide collaborative and mediation services in other civil areas, including labor disputes, employment disputes, estate disputes and the like.

I graduated from Brandeis University, *magna cum laude*, and from Temple Law School in 1975. I began practicing under Rule 11 in 1974 and was the first woman to practice law in Erie. I founded the Collaborative Professionals of Northwest PA (CPNWPA) and was its President for a number of years. I am now chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Collaborative Law Committee and the chair of the subcommittee on Legislation, including the PCLA. I have also served for several years on the IACP UCLA Advisory Committee. I am a member of the PBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and drafter of the Pennsylvania Collaborative Law Act. I have also been published and train widely in collaborative practice matters as well as mediation matters.



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Dr. Jill K. Materna is a psychologist and co owner of **Materna Psychological Services, PC**. She has 27 years of experience in the mental health field where she has helped children, families, and adults learn to reduce anxieties, improve communication, and strengthen self control. She is in practice with her husband, Dr. Daniel Materna, who is also a clinical psychologist specializing in adult, family, and marital therapies. Both Drs. Materna help people learn strategies for improving coping skills and building resiliency so they can gain a mental edge to be their best in their personal and professional lives. Their office is located at 701 N. Hermitage Rd., Suite 9, Hermitage, PA 16148, 724-346-4510