

## Appendix 3

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#### Principles of the Process

Both parties and attorneys commit in good faith to do the following:

- Cooperate by acting civilly at all times and by responding promptly to all reasonable requests for information from the other party.
- Cooperate by fully disclosing all relevant financial information.
- Cooperate by obtaining joint appraisals and/or other expert opinions before obtaining individual appraisals or expert opinions.
- Cooperate by obtaining meaningful expert input (e.g., a child specialist) before requesting a custody study or the appointment of a guardian ad litem
- Cooperate in good faith negotiation sessions, including 4-way sessions where appropriate, to reach fair compromises based on valid information.
- Cooperate by conducting themselves at all times in a respectful, civil and professional manner.

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