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At **GIRARD & JOHNSON, LLC**, Marie-Eve Girard, CPA, ABV and Sonya Johnson, CPA, CFF, ABV are financial experts who specialize in collaborative divorce, litigation support and consulting. Their forensic accounting services include divorce, business valuations, trust & shareholder disputes, and commercial & financial investigations. They also provide expert witness testimony, as well as business and personal tax services and consultations.

Marie-Eve & Sonya explain that the collaborative approach to dissolution of marriage is an alternative and amicable way of handling divorce. Active in the Collaborative Divorce community, both are a vital part of a team which includes the attorneys and often times financial professionals and mental health professionals who act as neutrals on behalf of both parties through the process. Given their experience in the litigation arena, they absolutely believe that the collaborative process is a better alternative than court. Analyses prepared by a financial expert in Collaborative are essentially the same as in litigated

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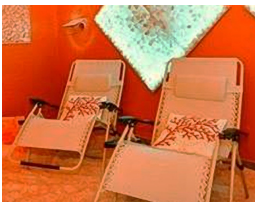
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Attorney C. Richard Nail, of counsel to **GRAYROBINSON, PA**, practices collaborative divorce law and mediation to help parting couples restructure their families without the added pain often involved in going to court.

Rick explains that in the collaborative model, both spouses and their attorneys commit in writing to share all pertinent information, communicate respectfully, constructively and creatively, participate in conferences, and to file nothing unilaterally in court until a final settlement is reached. If either party goes to court sooner, both attorneys have to withdraw and the parties retain new counsel. Rick states that the popularity of collaborative divorce settlements continues to grow as parties learn about the many benefits this option provides. Rick has more than 40 years of legal experience. He is a Supreme Court certified family law mediator and board certified in marital and family law. Rick is one of the founding members of the Tampa Bay Academy of Collaborative Professionals. [Visit: www.gray-robinson.com](http://www.gray-robinson.com)

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