CP CAL Conference Speaker Line Up Included Two Collaborative Practice San Diego Professionals

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San Diego, CA -- (<u>SBWire</u>) -- 06/07/2019 -- <u>Meredith Lewis, CLS-F, CDFA</u> and <u>Shawn Skillin, Esq.</u> co-chaired this year's CP CAL Conference, the California statewide Conference for Collaborative Professionals.

The CP CAL organization is a group of attorneys, financial professionals and mental health professionals who are dedicated to helping couples through a collaborative divorce proceeding. The goal of each professional involved is to help the clients negotiate the divorce process in a more peaceful manner and to reach a agreements as fairly as possible. This prevents parties from holding grudges and negativity towards the other which often ends up using with the clients using assets, children or the legal system as leverage against each other. Most importantly, the collaborative process strives to keep the family unit functioning in a healthy way after the divorce.

Hosted in April and entitled Building the Bridge, the three-day conference featured workshops that included such subjects as "Building a Successful Collaborative Practice," by <u>Forrest "Woody" Mosten, JD</u>, "Preparing Parties for Settlement ..." by Shawn Skillin, Esq. and <u>Shawn Weber</u>, and "Quelling Family Drama in Probate ..." by R. Kamela Laird, Esq., Marcus Hinds, <u>Cinda Jones, CPF, CDFA</u> and <u>Lynn Waldman, LCSW</u>, to name a few. Attorneys, financial professionals and mental health professionals who attended all benefited from all of the information presented at the conference. Most of the workshops provided continuing education credits.

Following the conference, Skillin and Lewis received feedback from the attendees. Both were pleased to learn the conference was a success for all involved. One attorney reported that it was the best conference he attended in 10 years of attending legal conferences.

"Sharon Ellison's workshop on Saturday, Beyond Pitfalls in Commonly Accepted Best ADR Communication Practices, was a game changer. The power and sense of <u>communication</u> that she discussed is "critical for anyone in collaborative divorce, if we want to get better at what we do" said Skillin.

Skillin is part of a live stream show called Real Divorce Talk. She co-hosts this stream with Lynn Waldman and Mark Hill. The show takes topics of collaborative divorce that can be taboo and talks about them in an open, honest way. Additionally, Collaborative Practice San Diego hosts the Divorce Options Workshop which takes place on the first Saturday of every month. The workshop provides couples considering separation or divorce answers to their questions and options that help reach a fair, peaceful resolution. Topics include children, tax liabilities and many other topics that many couples do not consider or know about when considering divorce.

About Collaborative Practice San Diego

Collaborative Practice San Diego is an association of attorneys, mental health professionals and financial advisors working together to learn, practice, and promote Collaborative processes for problem solving and the peaceful resolution of family law issues, with an eye toward preserving the emotional, as well as the financial,

assets of the family. Its goal is to transform the resolution of family law issues through respectful, Collaborative processes protecting the integrity and health of family relationships and eliminate the need of families to resort to court litigation.

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