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## Main Line Family Law Center Announces Network Supporting Healthier End of Marriage

**Philadelphia Main Line, PA, July 12, 2012-** Main Line Family Law Center, a divorce mediation firm with six offices along the Main Line, announces its new <u>Divorce Support Network</u>, consisting of 30 marriage and family therapists and psychologists in the Philadelphia Main Line community. All have expertise in issues related to separation and divorce as well as an orientation to the divorce mediation process.

"We've started building our <u>Divorce Support Network</u> with therapists in the community first, because they are vital links to those who are experiencing separation and divorce," according to Sharon Pastore, VP, marketing and community relations. "Working alongside therapists opens up the ability for those struggling with deeper issues such as anxiety, depression, and infidelity/trust issues to successfully navigate this healthier divorce option."

Even if couples understand that divorce mediation minimizes the emotional toll on their children and their finances, they may shy away from the process because they lack trust either in themselves or their spouse to get through it. Not only that, but couples often come to a consultation with one spouse ready to go, and the other still on the fence.

"Unless both spouses agree that their marriage is over and have tried everything they possibly could to mend their relationship, they are typically not appropriate for divorce mediation," says Cris Pastore, president and managing-attorney mediator. "They should be <u>referred for counseling</u>."

Likewise, for therapists whose clients arrive at the conclusion that the marriage is over now have a better referral option- one that focuses on family preservation and recovery.

"We want to help couples resolve issues that typically occur from divorce in the most amicable way possible," says Chris Fariello, Ph.D, LMFT, founder and director of <a href="Philadelphia Institute for Individual, Relational, & Sex Therapy">Philadelphia Institute for Individual, Relational, & Sex Therapy</a>(PhIIRST), and on the regional board of directors of <a href="Pennsylvania Association of Marriage and Family Therapists">Pennsylvania Association of Marriage and Family Therapists</a> (PAMFT). "The integration of family therapy and divorce mediation plays an important role in providing a more positive outcome for partners and their children and a greater likelihood to move on more quickly and more happily."

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Main Line Family Law Center was recently invited by PAMFT to offer trainings on the divorce mediation process, proper client referral, and parenting plans.

The network will also include other affiliated professionals such as real estate agents, appraisers, and financial advisors.

**About Main Line Family Law Center** – Main Line Family Law Center provides personalized, compassionate support and guidance to the increasing number of couples seeking a positive way to end their marriage without spending away their life savings. Offices are located in Radnor, Media, Bala Cynwyd, Center City, Philadelphia, Malvern and Plymouth Meeting.

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