

**403.648 Proceedings pending before court -- Status report -- Emergency order.**

- (1) Persons in a proceeding pending before a court may sign a collaborative law participation agreement to seek to resolve a collaborative matter related to the proceeding. The parties shall file promptly with the court a notice of the agreement after it is signed. Subject to subsections (3) and (6) of this section, the filing operates as an application for a stay of the proceeding.
- (2) The parties shall file promptly with the court notice in a record when a collaborative law process concludes. The stay of the proceeding under subsection (1) of this section is lifted when the notice is filed. The notice shall not specify any reason for termination of the process.
- (3) A court in which a proceeding is stayed under subsection (1) of this section may require the parties and collaborative lawyers to provide a status report on the collaborative law process and the proceeding. A status report may include only information on whether the process is ongoing or concluded. It may not include a report, assessment, evaluation, recommendation, finding, or other communication regarding a collaborative law process or collaborative law matter.
- (4) A court may not consider a communication made in violation of subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) A court shall provide parties notice and an opportunity to be heard before dismissing a proceeding in which a notice of collaborative process is filed based on delay or failure to prosecute.
- (6) During a collaborative law process, a court may issue emergency orders to protect the health, safety, welfare, or interest of a party or an immediate family member that resides in the party's home.

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