

Member Agreement

Divorce Resource Network | DFW is a private, women-only community for honest connection, meaningful support, and practical resources at every stage of divorce. This agreement is what makes that possible. Please read it in full before joining the group or attending a gathering.

GROUP RULES FROM THE ADMINS

- 1** Protect everyone's privacy
What is shared here stays here. Do not screenshot, record, copy, quote, identify members, share who belongs to the group, or discuss another woman's story or meeting attendance outside this community. Reported violations will be taken seriously and may result in immediate removal.
- 2** Lead with kindness, not judgement.
Every woman's circumstances, emotions, choices, and timeline are different. You do not have to agree with someone to treat her with dignity. Shaming, blaming, hostility, bullying, discrimination, and degrading comments are not allowed.
- 3** Share support, not instructions.
Speak from your own experience whenever possible. "This helped me" is different from "This is what you need to do." Do not diagnose another member, pressure her toward a decision, or present personal experience as professional advice.

Group Rules

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No one is required to share.

Listening is participation. Members may share as much or as little as they choose. Do not pressure anyone to explain her marriage, identify her spouse, disclose legal details, defend her decisions, or discuss anything she would rather keep private.

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No promotion or solicitation.

Do not use this group or its member list to pitch services, recruit clients, promote a business, collect contact information, or send unsolicited promotional messages. Members may request resources or recommendations, but any professional relationship must be voluntary and separate from participation here.

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No photos, recordings, or public check-ins.

Do not photograph, record, livestream, tag, or publicly check in at support gatherings. Never share another member's attendance. If photography is permitted at a separate social event, it will be clearly communicated, and no one will be included without her permission.

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Help keep this community safe.

Threats, intimidation, harassment, stalking, unwanted contact, or efforts to locate, monitor, expose, or share information about another member are prohibited. Never share information with a member's spouse, former spouse, partner, family, attorney, or opposing party.

Group Rules

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- 8** Be transparent about professional roles.
- If your work relates to divorce, law, finance, housing, mental health, or another relevant field, disclose that connection when sharing resources or professional perspectives. Expertise does not create permission to solicit members or promote services.
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- 9** Remember what this community is.
- Divorce Resource Network | DFW offers informal peer support, shared experience, community, and practical resources. It is not therapy or individualized legal, financial, medical, mortgage, or other professional advice.
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- 10** Help us protect the room.
- If something feels unsafe or inconsistent with these rules, contact Melissa or Julie privately rather than escalating it publicly. Participation is a privilege. Members whose behavior compromises the privacy, safety, or purpose of this community may be removed.
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WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT PROMISE

We hold these rules seriously, and we enforce them. We also want to be honest with you: no group of people can guarantee confidentiality. What we can promise is that the expectation is explicit, that every member agrees to it before joining, and that reported violations are addressed — up to and including immediate removal.

Please share with that in mind. You are always the one who decides how much of your story is in the room.

Your Acknowledgement

BY JOINING, I AGREE THAT

- I have read the ten group rules above and I will follow them in the group, in messages between members, and at gatherings.
- What is shared in this community stays in this community. I will not screenshot, record, quote, identify a member, or reveal who belongs to this group.
- I will not photograph, record, livestream, tag, or publicly check in at a support gathering, or share another member's attendance.
- I will not use this group or its members to promote, solicit, recruit, or collect contact information, and I will disclose any professional connection to divorce, law, finance, housing, or mental health.
- I understand this community offers informal peer support and practical resources — not therapy, and not individualized legal, financial, medical, mortgage, or other professional advice.
- I understand that participation is a privilege, and that behavior which compromises the privacy, safety, or purpose of this community may result in my removal.

NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE

BEST WAY TO REACH YOU

QUESTIONS, OR SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT

Bring it to us privately. You will not be asked to explain yourself in front of anyone.

Keep in Touch

MELISSA TOURIS / CO-FOUNDER & HOST

Message directly in the group, or reply to any gathering email.

JULIE SHANK / CO-FOUNDER & HOST

Message directly in the group, or reply to any gathering email.

If you need immediate help

We are peers, not counsellors or attorneys. If you are in immediate danger, please contact emergency services.

National Domestic Violence Hotline · 800-799-7233 · text START to 88788

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline · call or text 988