| 1  | STATE OF OKLAHOMA   |
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| 2  | 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)  |
| 3  | HOUSE BILL 3102 By: Trebilcock  |
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| 5  | AS INTRODUCED   |
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| 7  | An Act relating to civil procedure; creating the<br>Uniform Collaborative Law Act; providing short title;<br>defining terms; providing that the Uniform |
| 8  | Collaborative Law Act applies to certain agreements;<br>providing requirements for collaborative law  |
| 9  | participation agreements; providing for beginning and concluding a collaborative law process; providing for   |
| 10 | collaborative law participation agreements for proceedings pending before a tribunal; providing for   |
| 11 | issuance of certain protective orders; disqualifying certain attorneys from representing parties in   |
| 12 | proceedings related to collaborative matter;<br>authorizing certain attorneys to represent parties  |
| 13 | without fee; providing for representation when a government entity is a party; requiring certain  |
| 14 | disclosure of information; providing for standards of professional responsibility and certain mandatory   |
| 15 | reporting requirements; providing process for<br>determining appropriateness of collaborative law   |
| 16 | process; providing for situations involving coercive<br>or violent relationships; providing that  |
| 17 | collaborative law communications are confidential, privileged, not subject to discovery, and not  |
| 18 | admissible in evidence; authorizing waiver or privilege; providing that certain persons may not   |
| 19 | assert privilege; limiting privilege; providing the authority of a tribunal in case of noncompliance;   |
| 20 | providing for uniformity of application and<br>construction; providing for relation to certain  |
| 21 | federal act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.   |
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: A new section of law to be codified 2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.1 of Title 12, unless there 3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 4 5 SHORT TITLE. This act may be cited as the "Uniform Collaborative Law Act". 6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.2 of Title 12, unless there 8 9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 10 DEFINITIONS. In the Uniform Collaborative Law Act: 11 12 (1) "Collaborative law communication" means a statement, whether oral or in a record, or verbal or nonverbal, that: 13 is made to conduct, participate in, continue, or (A) 14 reconvene a collaborative law process; and 15 occurs after the parties sign a collaborative law 16 (B) participation agreement and before the collaborative 17 law process is concluded. 18 (2) "Collaborative law participation agreement" means an 19 agreement by persons to participate in a collaborative law process. 20 (3) "Collaborative law process" means a procedure intended to 21 resolve a collaborative matter without intervention by a tribunal in 2.2 which persons: 23 (A) sign a collaborative law participation agreement; and 24

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(B) are represented by collaborative lawyers.

2 (4) "Collaborative lawyer" means a lawyer who represents a party
3 in a collaborative law process.

4 (5) "Collaborative matter" means a dispute, transaction, claim,
5 problem, or issue for resolution described in a collaborative law
6 participation agreement. The term includes a dispute, claim, or
7 issue in a proceeding.

(6) "Law firm" means:

- 9 (A) lawyers who practice law together in a partnership,
  10 professional corporation, sole proprietorship, limited
  11 liability company, or association; and
- (B) lawyers employed in a legal services organization, or
  the legal department of a corporation or other
  organization, or the legal department of a government
  or governmental subdivision, agency, or

instrumentality.

17 (7) "Nonparty participant" means a person, other than a party 18 and the party's collaborative lawyer, that participates in a 19 collaborative law process.

20 (8) "Party" means a person that signs a collaborative law
21 participation agreement and whose consent is necessary to resolve a
22 collaborative matter.

(9) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust,
estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association,

joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental
 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or
 commercial entity.

(10) "Proceeding" means:

5 (A) a judicial, administrative, arbitral, or other 6 adjudicative process before a tribunal, including 7 related prehearing and post-hearing motions, 8 conferences, and discovery; or

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(B) a legislative hearing or similar process.

10 (11) "Prospective party" means a person that discusses with a 11 prospective collaborative lawyer the possibility of signing a 12 collaborative law participation agreement.

13 (12) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible 14 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 15 retrievable in perceivable form.

16 (13) "Related to a collaborative matter" means involving the 17 same parties, transaction or occurrence, nucleus of operative fact, 18 dispute, claim, or issue as the collaborative matter.

19 (14) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt
20 a record:

(A) to execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) to attach to or logically associate with the record an
electronic symbol, sound, or process.

24 (15) "Tribunal" means

| 1  | (A) a court, arbitrator, administrative agency, or other             |
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| 2  | body acting in an adjudicative capacity which, after                 |
| 3  | presentation of evidence or legal argument, has                      |
| 4  | jurisdiction to render a decision affecting a party's                |
| 5  | interests in a matter; or  |
| 6  | (B) a legislative body conducting a hearing or similar               |
| 7  | process.   |
| 8  | SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified               |
| 9  | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.3 of Title 12, unless there |
| 10 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:             |
| 11 | APPLICABILITY.   |
| 12 | Except as provided in Section 20 of this act, the Uniform            |
| 13 | Collaborative Law Act applies to a collaborative law participation   |
| 14 | agreement that meets the requirements of Section 4 of this act       |
| 15 | signed on or after November 1, 2010.                                 |
| 16 | SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified               |
| 17 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.4 of Title 12, unless there |
| 18 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:             |
| 19 | COLLABORATIVE LAW PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT; REQUIREMENTS.             |
| 20 | (a) A collaborative law participation agreement must:                |
| 21 | (1) be in a record;  |
| 22 | (2) be signed by the parties;  |
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(3) state the parties' intention to resolve a collaborative
 matter through a collaborative law process under the Uniform
 Collaborative Law Act;

(4) describe the nature and scope of the matter;

5 (5) identify the collaborative lawyer who represents each party6 in the process; and

7 (6) contain a statement by each collaborative lawyer confirming
8 the lawyer's representation of a party in the collaborative law
9 process.

10 (b) Parties may agree to include in a collaborative law 11 participation agreement additional provisions not inconsistent with 12 the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.5 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 BEGINNING AND CONCLUDING A COLLABORATIVE LAW PROCESS.

17 (a) A collaborative law process begins when the parties sign a18 collaborative law participation agreement.

(b) A tribunal may not order a party to participate in acollaborative law process over that party's objection.

(c) A collaborative law process is concluded by a:

(1) resolution of a collaborative matter as evidenced by a signed record;

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| 1  | (2) resolution of a part of the collaborative matter, evidenced   |
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| 2  | by a signed record, in which the parties agree that the remaining |
| 3  | parts of the matter will not be resolved in the process; or       |
| 4  | (3) termination of the process.                                   |
| 5  | (d) A collaborative law process terminates:                       |
| 6  | (1) when a party gives notice to other parties in a record that   |
| 7  | the process is ended; or  |
| 8  | (2) when a party:   |
| 9  | (A) begins a proceeding related to a collaborative matter         |
| 10 | without the agreement of all parties; or                          |
| 11 | (B) in a pending proceeding related to the matter:                |
| 12 | (i) initiates a pleading, motion, order to show                   |
| 13 | cause, or request for a conference with the                       |
| 14 | tribunal;   |
| 15 | (ii) requests that the proceeding be put on the                   |
| 16 | tribunal's active calendar; or                                    |
| 17 | (iii) takes similar action requiring notice to be sent            |
| 18 | to the parties; or  |
| 19 | (3) except as otherwise provided by subsection (e) of this        |
| 20 | section, when a party discharges a collaborative lawyer or a      |
| 21 | collaborative lawyer withdraws from further representation of a   |
| 22 | party.  |
| 23 | (e) A party's collaborative lawyer shall give prompt notice to    |
| 24 | all other parties in a record of a discharge or withdrawal.       |

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(f) A party may terminate a collaborative law process with or
 without cause.

3 (g) Notwithstanding the discharge or withdrawal of a
4 collaborative lawyer, a collaborative law process continues, if not
5 later than thirty (30) days after the date that the notice of the
6 discharge or withdrawal of a collaborative lawyer required by
7 paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of this section is sent to the
8 parties:

9 (1) the unrepresented party engages a successor collaborative10 lawyer; and

- 11 (2) in a signed record:
- (A) the parties consent to continue the process by
   reaffirming the collaborative law participation
   agreement;
- (B) the agreement is amended to identify the successorcollaborative lawyer; and
- 17 (C) the successor collaborative lawyer confirms the
  18 lawyer's representation of a party in the
  19 collaborative process.

(h) A collaborative law process does not conclude if, with the consent of the parties, a party requests a tribunal to approve a resolution of the collaborative matter or any part thereof as evidenced by a signed record.

(i) A collaborative law participation agreement may provide
 additional methods of concluding a collaborative law process.

3 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.6 of Title 12, unless there 5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

PROCEEDINGS PENDING BEFORE TRIBUNAL; STATUS REPORT.

7 (a) Persons in a proceeding pending before a tribunal may sign a
8 collaborative law participation agreement to seek to resolve a
9 collaborative matter related to the proceeding. Parties shall file
10 promptly with the tribunal a notice of the agreement after it is
11 signed. Subject to subsection (c) of this section and Sections 7
12 and 8 of this act, the filing operates as a stay of the proceeding.

(b) Parties shall file promptly with the tribunal notice in a record when a collaborative law process concludes. The stay of the proceeding under subsection (a) of this section is lifted when the notice is filed. The notice may not specify any reason for termination of the process.

(c) A tribunal in which a proceeding is stayed under subsection (a) of this section may require 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

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communication regarding a collaborative law process or collaborative
 law matter.

3 (d) A tribunal may not consider a communication made in4 violation of subsection (c) of this section.

5 (e) A tribunal shall provide parties notice and an opportunity 6 to be heard before dismissing a proceeding in which a notice of 7 collaborative process is filed based on delay or failure to 8 prosecute.

9 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.7 of Title 12, unless there 11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

EMERGENCY ORDER. During a collaborative law process, a tribunal may issue emergency orders to protect the health, safety, welfare, or interest of a party or family or household member authorized to seek a protective order pursuant to the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act.

17 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.8 of Title 12, unless there 19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BY TRIBUNAL. A tribunal may approve an 21 agreement resulting from a collaborative law process.

22 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.9 of Title 12, unless there 24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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DISQUALIFICATION OF COLLABORATIVE LAWYER AND LAWYERS IN
 ASSOCIATED LAW FIRM.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this
4 section, a collaborative lawyer is disqualified from appearing
5 before a tribunal to represent a party in a proceeding related to
6 the collaborative matter.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this
section and Sections 10 and 11 of this act, a lawyer in a law firm
with which the collaborative lawyer is associated is disqualified
from appearing before a tribunal to represent a party in a
proceeding related to the collaborative matter if the collaborative
lawyer is disqualified from doing so under subsection (a) of this
section.

14 (c) A collaborative lawyer or a lawyer in a law firm with which15 the collaborative lawyer is associated may represent a party:

16 (1) to ask a tribunal to approve an agreement resulting from the 17 collaborative law process; or

(2) to seek or defend an emergency order to protect the health,
safety, welfare, or interest of a party or family or household
member authorized to seek a protective order pursuant to the
Protection from Domestic Abuse Act if a successor lawyer is not
immediately available to represent that person. In that event,
subsections (a) and (b) of this section apply when the party or
family or household member is represented by a successor lawyer or

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reasonable measures are taken to protect the health, safety,
 welfare, or interest of that person.

3 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.10 of Title 12, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
6 LOW INCOME PARTIES.

7 (a) The disqualification of subsection (a) of Section 9 of this
8 act applies to a collaborative lawyer representing a party with or
9 without fee.

(b) After a collaborative law process concludes, another lawyer in a law firm with which a collaborative lawyer disqualified under subsection (a) of Section 9 of this act is associated may represent a party without fee in the collaborative matter or a matter related to the collaborative matter if:

(1) the party has an annual income that qualifies the party for free legal representation under the criteria established by the law firm for free legal representation;

18 (2) the collaborative law participation agreement so provides;19 and

(3) the collaborative lawyer is isolated from any participation
in the collaborative matter or a matter related to the collaborative
matter through procedures within the law firm which are reasonably
calculated to isolate the collaborative lawyer from such
participation.

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SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.11 of Title 12, unless
 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AS PARTY.

(a) The disqualification of subsection (a) of Section 9 of this
act applies to a collaborative lawyer representing a party that is a
government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality.

8 (b) After a collaborative law process concludes, another lawyer 9 in a law firm with which the collaborative lawyer is associated may 10 represent a government or governmental subdivision, agency, or 11 instrumentality in the collaborative matter or a matter related to 12 the collaborative matter if:

13 (1) the collaborative law participation agreement so provides;14 and

(2) the collaborative lawyer is isolated from any participation in the collaborative matter or a matter related to the collaborative matter through procedures within the law firm which are reasonably calculated to isolate the collaborative lawyer from such participation.

20 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.12 of Title 12, unless 22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 23 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. Except as provided by law other than 24 the Uniform Collaborative Law Act, during the collaborative law

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process, on the request of another party, a party shall make timely, full, candid, and informal disclosure of information related to the collaborative matter without formal discovery. A party also shall update promptly previously disclosed information that has materially changed. Parties may define the scope of disclosure during the collaborative law process.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.13 of Title 12, unless 8 9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANDATORY REPORTING 10 The Uniform Collaborative Law Act does not affect: 11 NOT AFFECTED. 12 (1) the professional responsibility obligations and standards applicable to a lawyer or other licensed professional; or 13

14 (2) the obligation of a person to report abuse or neglect,
15 abandonment, or exploitation of a child or adult under the law of
16 this state.

17SECTION 14.NEW LAWA new section of law to be codified18in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.14 of Title 12, unless19there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 APPROPRIATENESS OF COLLABORATIVE LAW PROCESS. Before a 21 prospective party signs a collaborative law participation agreement, 22 a prospective collaborative lawyer shall:

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(1) assess with the prospective party factors the lawyer
 reasonably believes relate to whether a collaborative law process is
 appropriate for the prospective party's matter;

4 (2) provide the prospective party with information that the
5 lawyer reasonably believes is sufficient for the party to make an
6 informed decision about the material benefits and risks of a
7 collaborative law process as compared to the material benefits and
8 risks of other reasonably available alternatives for resolving the
9 proposed collaborative matter, such as litigation, mediation,
10 arbitration, or expert evaluation; and

## (3) advise the prospective party that:

- 12 (A) after signing an agreement if a party initiates a
  13 proceeding or seeks tribunal intervention in a pending
  14 proceeding related to the collaborative matter, the
  15 collaborative law process terminates;
- (B) participation in a collaborative law process is
  voluntary and any party has the right to terminate
  unilaterally a collaborative law process with or
  without cause; and
- (C) the collaborative lawyer and any lawyer in a law firm
  with which the collaborative lawyer is associated may
  not appear before a tribunal to represent a party in a
  proceeding related to the collaborative matter, except
  as authorized by subsection (c) of Section 9 of this

act, subsection (b) of Section 10 of this act, or
 subsection (b) of Section 11 of this act.
 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.15 of Title 12, unless
 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 COERCIVE OR VIOLENT RELATIONSHIP.

7 (a) Before a prospective party signs a collaborative law
8 participation agreement, a prospective collaborative lawyer must
9 make reasonable inquiry whether the prospective party has a history
10 of a coercive or violent relationship with another prospective
11 party.

(b) Throughout a collaborative law process, a collaborative lawyer reasonably and continuously shall assess whether the party the collaborative lawyer represents has a history of a coercive or violent relationship with another party.

(c) If a collaborative lawyer reasonably believes that the party the lawyer represents or the prospective party who consults the lawyer has a history of a coercive or violent relationship with another party or prospective party, the lawyer may not begin or continue a collaborative law process unless:

(1) the party or the prospective party requests beginning or continuing a process; and

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(2) the collaborative lawyer reasonably believes that the safety
 of the party or prospective party can be protected adequately during
 a process.

SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.16 of Title 12, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

CONFIDENTIALITY OF COLLABORATIVE LAW COMMUNICATION. A
collaborative law communication is confidential to the extent agreed
by the parties in a signed record or as provided by law of this
state other than the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.17 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

PRIVILEGE AGAINST DISCLOSURE FOR COLLABORATIVE LAW
COMMUNICATION; ADMISSIBILITY; DISCOVERY.

(a) Subject to Sections 18 and 19 of this act, a collaborative
17 law communication is privileged under subsection (b) of this
18 section, is not subject to discovery, and is not admissible in
19 evidence.

(b) In a proceeding, the following privileges apply:

(1) A party may refuse to disclose, and may prevent any otherperson from disclosing, a collaborative law communication.

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(2) A nonparty participant may refuse to disclose, and may
 prevent any other person from disclosing, a collaborative law
 communication of the nonparty participant.

4 (c) Evidence or information that is otherwise admissible or
5 subject to discovery does not become inadmissible or protected from
6 discovery solely because of its disclosure or use in a collaborative
7 law process.

8 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.18 of Title 12, unless 10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 11 WAIVER AND PRECLUSION OF PRIVILEGE.

(a) A privilege under Section 17 of this act may be waived in a
record or orally during a proceeding if it is expressly waived by
all parties and, in the case of the privilege of a nonparty
participant, it is also expressly waived by the nonparty
participant.

(b) A person that makes a disclosure or representation about a 17 collaborative law communication which prejudices another person in a 18 proceeding may not assert a privilege under Section 17 of this act, 19 but this preclusion applies only to the extent necessary for the 20 person prejudiced to respond to the disclosure or representation. 21 A new section of law to be codified SECTION 19. NEW LAW 2.2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.19 of Title 12, unless 23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 24

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LIMITS OF PRIVILEGE.

2 (a) There is no privilege under Section 17 of this act for a3 collaborative law communication that is:

4 (1) available to the public under the Oklahoma Open Records Act
5 or made during a session of a collaborative law process that is
6 open, or is required by law to be open, to the public;

7 (2) a threat or statement of a plan to inflict bodily injury or
8 commit a crime of violence;

9 (3) intentionally used to plan a crime, commit or attempt to 10 commit a crime, or conceal an ongoing crime or ongoing criminal 11 activity; or

12 (4) in an agreement resulting from the collaborative law 13 process, evidenced by a record signed by all parties to the 14 agreement.

(b) The privileges under Section 17 of this act for a collaborative law communication do not apply to the extent that a communication is:

(1) sought or offered to prove or disprove a claim or complaint of professional misconduct or malpractice arising from or related to a collaborative law process; or

(2) sought or offered to prove or disprove abuse, neglect,
abandonment, or exploitation of a child or adult, unless the
Department of Human Services is a party to or otherwise participates
in the process.

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(c) There is no privilege under Section 17 of this act if a
 tribunal finds, after a hearing in camera, that the party seeking
 discovery or the proponent of the evidence has shown the evidence is
 not otherwise available, the need for the evidence substantially
 outweighs the interest in protecting confidentiality, and the
 collaborative law communication is sought or offered in:

7 (1) a court proceeding involving a felony or misdemeanor; or
8 (2) a proceeding seeking rescission or reformation of a contract
9 arising out of the collaborative law process or in which a defense
10 to avoid liability on the contract is asserted.

(d) If a collaborative law communication is subject to an exception under subsection (b) or (c) of this section, only the part of the communication necessary for the application of the exception may be disclosed or admitted.

(e) Disclosure or admission of evidence excepted from the privilege under subsection (b) or (c) of this section does not make the evidence or any other collaborative law communication discoverable or admissible for any other purpose.

(f) The privileges under Section 17 of this act do not apply if the parties agree in advance in a signed record, or if a record of a proceeding reflects agreement by the parties, that all or part of a collaborative law process is not privileged. This subsection does not apply to a collaborative law communication made by a person that

did not receive actual notice of the agreement before the
 communication was made.

3 SECTION 20. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.20 of Title 12, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
6 AUTHORITY OF TRIBUNAL IN CASE OF NONCOMPLIANCE.

7 (a) If an agreement fails to meet the requirements of Section 4
8 of this act, or a lawyer fails to comply with Section 14 or 15 of
9 this act, a tribunal may nonetheless find that the parties intended
10 to enter into a collaborative law participation agreement if they:

(1) signed a record indicating an intention to enter into acollaborative law participation agreement; and

13 (2) reasonably believed they were participating in a14 collaborative law process.

(b) If a tribunal makes the findings specified in subsection (a) of this section, and the interests of justice require, the tribunal may:

(1) enforce an agreement evidenced by a record resulting fromthe process in which the parties participated;

(2) apply the disqualification provisions of Sections 5, 6, 9,
10, and 11 of this act; and

(3) apply the privileges under Section 17 of this act.

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SECTION 21. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.21 of Title 12, unless
 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. In applying and 5 construing the Uniform Collaborative Law Act, consideration must be 6 given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to 7 its subject matter among states that enact it.

8 SECTION 22. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1891.22 of Title 12, unless 10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL 11 12 COMMERCE ACT. The Uniform Collaborative Law Act modifies, limits, 13 and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C.A. § 7001 et seq. (2009), but does 14 not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act, 15 15 U.S.C.A. § 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the 16 17 notices described in § 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C.A. § 7003(b). SECTION 23. This act shall become effective January 1, 2011. 18 19 52-2-9510 SD01/13/10 20

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