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Gloria Ciolli, ACSW, LMSW, MSW, of Mediation and Collaborative Action Group (MECOAG), in Melville, NY, is an expert in helping people resolve disputes. With more than 20 years of experience in social work and conflict resolution, Ciolli has assisted hundreds of individuals, families, and business professionals, work through potentially contentious issues with dignity.

With her partners at MECOAG, Ciolli is committed to using the processes of Mediation and Collaborative Practice to achieve more respectful and cost effective methods of conflict resolution than the traditional adversarial process of litigation. As a conflict and family specialist, she assists clients with effectively managing their emotions throughout the processes of Mediation and Collaborative Practice. Ciolli is specially trained to facilitate communication between parties; she does not impose solutions or render judgment. With Ciolli's experience as a neutral mediator, individuals can negotiate their own agreements, ultimately fostering relationships even after their dispute has been resolved. As a Family Divorce Specialist, Ciolli helps spouses work together to pinpoint their difficult issues and find solutions to accommodate each of their needs.

Prior to starting MECOAG, Ciolli had a successful private psychotherapy practice, specializing in individual, couples and family therapy. She assisted people with relationships, family dynamics, problematic parenting, second marriages and life transitional issues. Proficient in crisis intervention and short-term therapy, she has helped individuals achieve their fullest potential in an accelerated rate of time through her laser-like ability to "cut to the bottom line." At Queens Hospital Center, Ciolli worked with a diverse socio-intergenerational population, concentrating on prevention, early intervention, family dynamics, problematic parenting patterns and anger management.

For more than two decades, Ciolli has been involved in the Business and Professional Federation of Women, serving on various state and local committees, and as District Director for Long Island 2001 - 2003. In both 2000 and 2001, Ciolli was the recipient of *The International Who's Who of Professional & Business Women* award for *Significant Career Achievements and Contribution to Society*. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, NY Chapter of the Association of Conflict Resolution, NY State Council of Divorce Mediation, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, NYS Council on Divorce Mediation, and sits on the Board of Directors of Mercy Haven, a non-sectarian, not-for-profit, which supports Long Island's most at-risk residents.

Ciolli has been featured in Newsday and Networking magazine, and on WABC-TV and the LI Radio Group. She is a contributing writer for The Corridor magazine, the publication of the Melville Chamber of Commerce, Long Island Woman magazine, and the Long Island Woman Survival Guide.

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