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Dallas Alliance of Collaborative Family Lawyers

“MORE COUPLES ARE TURNING TO COLLABORATIVE LAW,

When divorcing couples and their attorneys meet to resolve problems, various forces, unseen but powerful, compel the negotiations. These forces may include children, mutual friendships, past conflicts, or the desire to preserve a large estate or family business. Because traditional divorce litigation often creates chaos and foments long-lasting battles, thousands of couples are turning to collaborative law to deal with these forces in a less painful way. The Dallas Alliance of Collaborative Family Lawyers was the first practice group in Texas to encourage its use and provide collaborative divorce services.

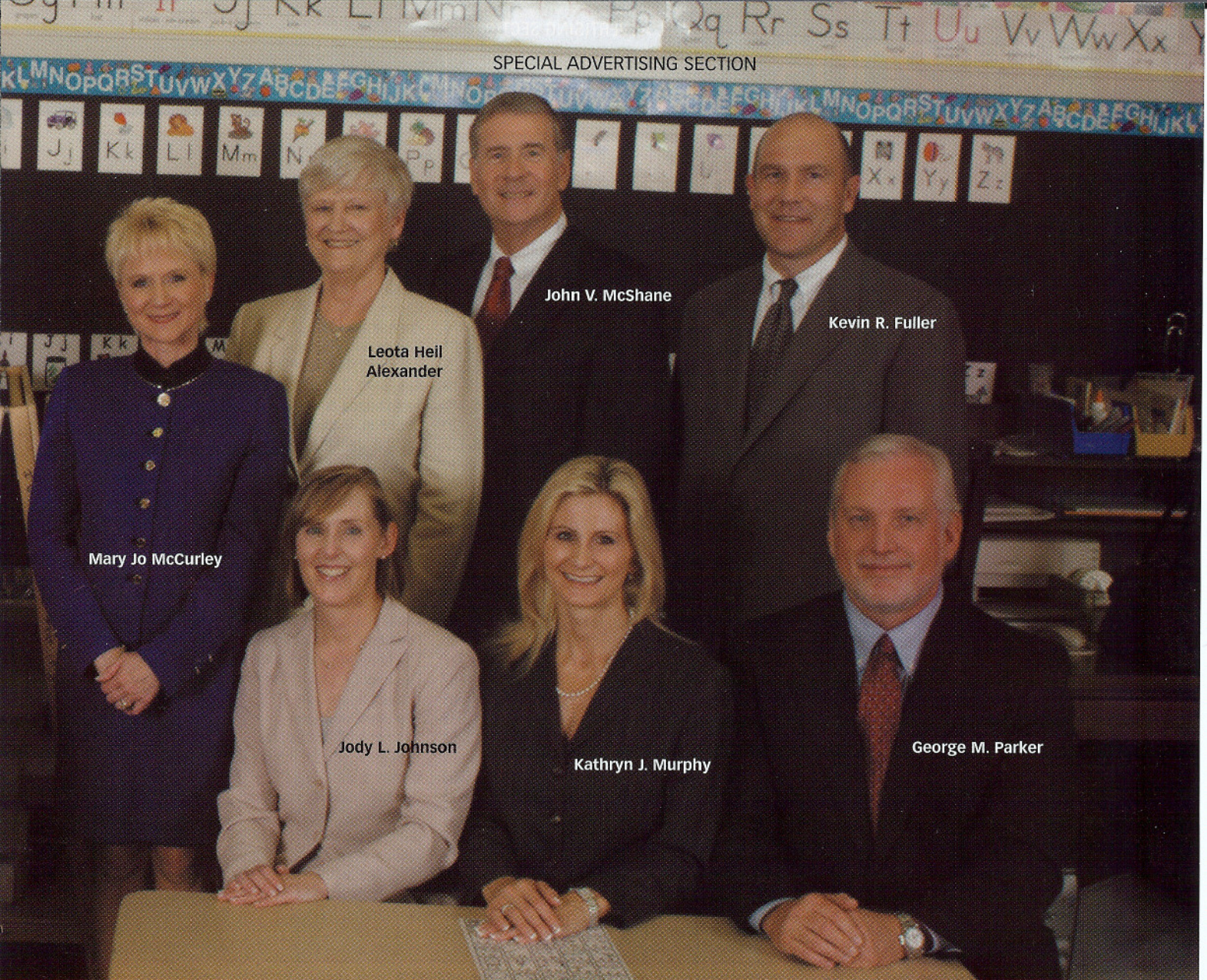
CONCENTRATION. Family law, with an emphasis on collaborative law as an alternative to litigation.

THE ALLIANCE. The Dallas Alliance is comprised of family law practitioners from various firms who have undergone extensive training and practiced collaborative law since its inception in Texas. Alliance members average more than two decades of family law experience. They are independent and zealously represent their clients. Twenty of 22 members are 2003 Texas Super Lawyers. Each is certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, except as noted.

WHEN YOU DON'T WANT A WAR. The collaborative process of open communication between the par-

ties and their attorneys allows clients to negotiate a divorce, partition a marital estate, or change a parenting plan with professional guidance and without going to court. Collaborative law is for those who do not want the “one size fits all” format of divorce litigation.

AVOIDING LITIGATION. The collaborative law process is conducted with civility in a private setting, rather than with hostility in a courthouse. The parties pledge to resolve the case in a manner acceptable to both spouses. Attorneys help them think outside the box about everything from maintaining the health of a business to creating a parenting plan to planning for retirement. The result saves time while protecting children, self-esteem, friendships, privacy, and assets.



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