

The Landman Case — Meeting 1 Summary

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Pre-read

A pre-read for attendees. Meeting 1 is the procedural first meeting; it has already taken place. This is a short recap of how it went, so the live training day can open at Meeting 2. The full agenda and minutes are included alongside this summary.

What This Meeting Was

The first joint meeting is where the collaborative process gets set up. It is intentionally procedural — the team and both clients establish the framework, sign the participation agreement, set ground rules, share goals, and put the financial information-gathering in motion. No issues are negotiated yet. The point is to build the container before the work begins.

How It Went

All six participants attended — Tommy and Angela Norris, their attorneys Cristi Trusler and Carlos Salinas, facilitator Carol Mapp, and financial professional Jennifer Failla. The meeting ran about ninety minutes and stayed on agenda.

- **The framework is in place.** Both clients confirmed they had read the Collaborative Family Law Participation Agreement, and everyone signed. The team agreed to rely on the participation agreement rather than file any standing order at this time. Carol walked through how the meetings will run and how the team communicates between sessions.
- **Roles are clear.** Carol explained the Texas one-facilitator model and her neutral role; Jennifer described her work as the neutral financial professional serving both clients equally; both attorneys framed their dual commitment to their client and to the process.
- **Goals were shared, and there is real common ground.** Tommy is focused on financial stability, a fair and efficient resolution, and his relationship with the children. Angela is focused on security, understanding the finances, and being recognized as a full partner in what the family built. Both want to stay out of court, both prioritize the children, and both want a respectful process.
- **Interim arrangements were agreed.** The clients set ground rules for the household, finances, parenting, and communication while the process is underway.

- **The financial work is moving.** Jennifer will circulate document checklists; both clients have until **June 2** to provide their financial information so she can begin assembling the estate picture.
- **A child specialist will be engaged** to support the children's interests, given the parenting questions in the case.

What Comes Next

The clients leave Meeting 1 with homework and a date. **Meeting 2 — the financial estate walk-around — is set for June 9**, where the team begins working through the marital estate in earnest. That is where the live training day picks up.