

## Not suitable

- positionalised
  - Controlling
  - dishonest
  - not ready
  - vulnerable
  - Finances
- broaden options out
  - family consultant
  - manage rectification of what is being hidden
  - family consultant + time
  - including: **guilt - give it all away**
  - solicitor & family consultant
  - payment plan

### Obstacles:

#### Lawyer for other party

- direct to alternate collaborative lawyer if possible

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### CHARACTERISTICS

Violent / Aggressive / Coercive control

1st meeting  
boundary setting

Very anxious / Depressed (Clinically)

Dictate speed

Dishonest  
Drunk / Drugs

Offer  
reassurance  
& support

Behaviour  
Disrespectful / Rude  
Non disclosure

Setting  
boundaries

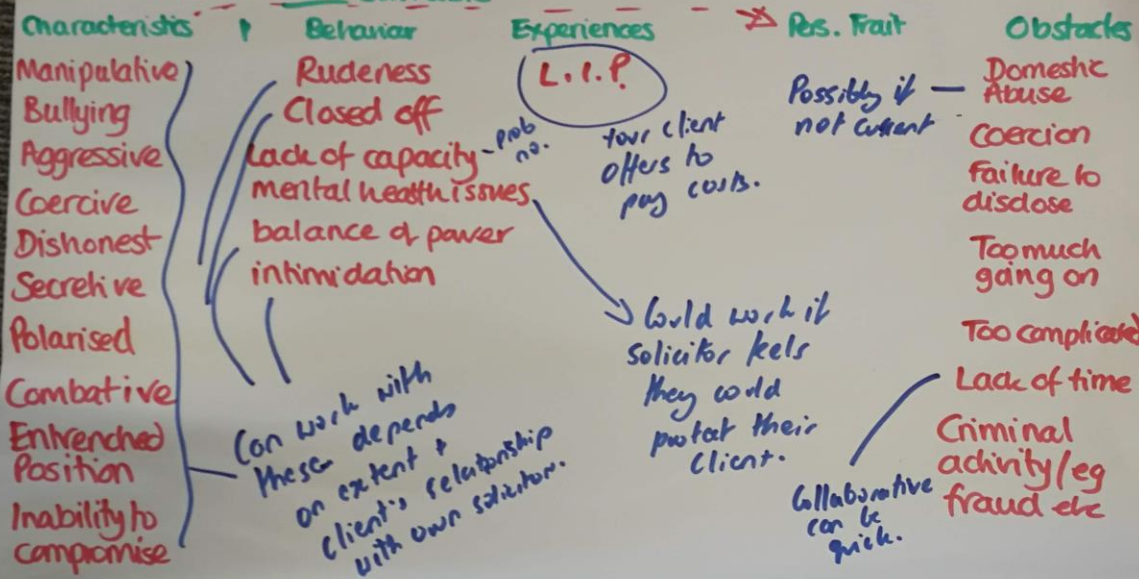
Obstacles we introduce

Experiences  
Victim of abuse

Personality traits  
Personality Disorder  
Learning issues  
Paranoid

Family  
consultant

## Who is NOT suitable



## Who Is Not Suitable

- Addictive behaviour
  - COACH
  - Consultant
  - what is addiction - be careful planning times & meetings.
- Ongoing domestic violence
  - Fam Consult
  - Safety plan
  - outside support
  - early/late
- Coercive behaviour
  - FCan
  - build relationship with sol.
  - boundaries.
- Unwillingness to provide disclosure/repal
  - You can influence
  - Does client understand implications.
- Just being tactical to delay court proceedings
- Lacking mental capacity
- Jurisdiction race.
- Disipating assets.

# NOT Suitable

- Not honest/willing re disclosure  
frank early discussions with couple re disclosure, use financial professional to do 'due diligence' work
- Abusive relationship such that it would impact the process/prevent one party from engaging  
- screening, bring in family consultant to see if dynamics can be safely managed.  
Active intervention from both lawyers
- If power imbalance too great to manage requires active intervention from both lawyers - Yellow/Red cards!
- Mental health issues which are not able to be managed.  
Seek medical advice - is there a lack of capacity? Cannot deal with vulnerable clients
- Ability to process information in what may feel a pressured environment. May be able to be managed.  
Bring in another team member - divorce coach, family consultant, financial professional
- Boundaries - agree them at the outset, reframe them at start of each meeting  
Time out, pacing, tight agendas