



**COMING APRIL 14, 2009**

**CRN Members\* are invited to attend:**

**The SMU Counseling Program's Seminar on  
Collaborative Law and the Mental Health Professional  
lead by Sherrie R. Abney, J.D.**

**Collaborative Law** is a voluntary dispute resolution process as an alternative to bitter and destructive divorce and family law court battles. In addition to attorneys and financial experts, mental health professionals are often brought into these cases to work with parties and their attorneys on communication, parenting plans and other issues. Attendees will become familiar with the basic tenets of the collaborative law process, the role of the mental health professional in this process and other aspects of the collaborative process.

**Sherrie R. Abney, J.D.** is a collaborative lawyer, mediator, arbitrator and collaborative trainer. She was the first chair of the Dallas Bar Association Collaborative Law Section and is past chair of the ADR Section of the Dallas Bar. As a founding director of the Texas Collaborative Law Council, she has served as Vice President of Education and Training for that organization since 2004. She has trained professionals in the collaborative process both nationally and internationally. She is the author of *Avoiding Litigation, A Guide to Civil Collaborative Law*.

The Seminar will start at **6:15 PM** on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at SMU Legacy. A light supper will be served starting at **5:30 PM**.

**\*You must be a 2009 member of CRN to attend this seminar free of charge. Non-CRN members will be charged \$50.00. If you are not yet a CRN Member, ask any CRN member how to join or visit our website at [www.swcrn.com](http://www.swcrn.com). CRN membership dues are \$30 per calendar year.**

This seminar replaces our regular CRN monthly program in April.