

Elizabeth Cox

Her Divorce Financial Services aims to educate, 'empower' women

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Elizabeth Cox of Lonetown Road found inspiration for her new company when she watched a close friend struggle through a long and financially disastrous divorce. Divorce Financial Services LLC grew out of Ms. Cox's desire to help — to draw on her extensive background in finance and investments to empower her friend and others like her.

"Divorce is usually a confusing and overwhelming time," she said. "In divorce, women tend to keep their heads down and say, 'I'll figure this out when the dust settles,'" she said. "That's a big mistake."

Ms. Cox, a certified divorce financial planner, said her goal is to help educate and empower women financially through the divorce process and beyond.

"My practice is about educating women on the financial aspects of divorce, which will lead them to make better decisions that could impact their lives for years to come," she said.

Seminar next week

Ms. Cox will present a seminar, "Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce," next Thursday, April 12, at the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. The work-



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shop will address financial planning before, during and after divorce, including how to evaluate property divisions, how to protect your credit rating during divorce and how to secure child support and spousal support payments.

The seminar is free and confidential. It will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. upstairs at the Women's Center, 8 West St. For more information or to register, call the women's center at 203-731-5200.

Ms. Cox also offers her clients a broad array of financial planning services after divorce as they transition to financial independence.

"My goal is to give my clients the financial tools and education they need to take charge of their finances," she explained. "Building a long-term relationship with my clients is an important part of my practice." All investment advisory services Ms. Cox offers are through Raymond James Financial Services in Wilton, where she is an independent contractor.

International experience

Ms. Cox moved back to Redding last year after a five-year stint in Hong Kong. There she gave frequent seminars on investments to women's groups.

"My observation is that women all over the world are reticent to take control of financial decisions that can be so important to their lives going forward. I hope I can teach my clients the tools to take charge," she said.

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She lives in Redding with her husband, Andrew Mound, and their three children, William, Katie and Henry.