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“NEW” MATRIMONIAL RULES:

IT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK!

Monday, October 4, 2010

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Gov. David Paterson said, "Finally, New York has brought its divorce laws into the 21st century," signing into law several bills updating New York's outdated Domestic Relations Law, which will take effect in mid-October. New York is the last of the 50 states to adopt "no-fault" divorce.

"No-fault" allows couples to obtain a divorce by mutual consent without assigning fault to either of the parties.

Find out how the "new" rules will impact your matrimonial practice.

"No-fault" eliminates the issue of grounds from litigation and makes it easier to obtain a divorce. All other major issues -- equitable distribution; spousal support; child support; counsel and expert fees and expenses; and custody and visitation -- must first be resolved. New York enacted two additional reforms to protect the

less-monied spouse. The first provision is intended to provide more consistency for temporary maintenance awards; the second is to enable the less-monied spouse to carry on or defend the action. The new law places the burden on the monied spouse to rebut this presumption. These laws are crucial in leveling the economic playing field in divorce actions.

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