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## FIRM NEWSLETTER

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We hope you are staying safe and healthy as we head into summer. We will provide updates and awareness of legal issues through this newsletter. In this month's issue we will discuss child support and incarceration.

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## Does a parent in jail have to pay child support:



In the case of *In re the Marriage of Allegra*, the trial court awarded the Mother of a minor child \$1,450.99 per month in child support from the Father. The Mother had filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in September of 2017, and in July of 2017 the Father had been sentenced to federal prison. On appeal, the Father argued that the trial court had erred in denying his motion to

bifurcate judgment, because the trial court failed to consider his incarceration, which the Father claimed would preclude his payment of any prospective child support. The appellate court held that the Father had cited no evidence of his inability to pay support, and that the mere fact that a party is incarcerated <u>(Read more)</u>

## **CARES Act**

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will follow guidance from public health officials and government agencies, so we can continue to support our clients and communities as needed.

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