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We hope you are staying safe and healthy. We will provide updates and awareness of legal issues through this newsletter. In this month's issue we will discuss a few of the factors that the court considers when determining child support and a list of reasons to look at updating your will.

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Child Support



There are several different factors that the court considers when determining which party should be assigned a child support obligation and how much that obligation should be. The court can also allocate the child-related expenses between the parties. The court looks towards the amount of overnights the child or children have with each party, the incomes of the parties, expenses of

the parties, if one party has a maintenance obligation and the amount of that obligation, the cost of health insurance for the children ([Read more](#))

Reasons to Update your Will

1. A Recent Change in Marital Status
Upon marriage, your spouse does not automatically become the chief heir to your estate. Illinois law allows for an unnamed surviving



spouse to receive one half of the estate if there are no surviving descendants, or one third of the estate if there are surviving descendants.

If you get divorced, the provisions of your will that apply to your former spouse are automatically revoked under Illinois law. However, divorce often affects other relationships in your life, too, and you will want to make sure your will reflects the changes that may have occurred in

your life.

Additionally, if you or your spouse have been previously married, you may need to update your will to the new additions to your family via marriage, such as stepchildren.

2. You've Recently Moved (or Plan on Moving)

Generally, a will is valid when you move from one state to another. However, the requirements for creating a valid will vary ([Read more](#))

SPOTLIGHT

If you have not checked out the Gehris & Associates, LLC Facebook page or Instagram, now is the time to do so. We are still posting videos of our "I Dissent" tournament challenge and we need your votes. This is a friendly office debate on topics chosen from the popular party game "I Dissent". Watch us argue about dragons, hotdogs, helmets and more to come.

We have started our Video Blog posts to answer your questions about important legal topics. We will discuss retainer agreements, evictions and other important issues. If you missed our question and answer session about estate planning, check our Facebook page to get your questions answered. If you have a topic or question you want answered, let us know.

[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. Some courthouses have resumed in person appearances for certain parts of the case.

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