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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 permanent Orders of Protection and tips for more effective communication

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Permanent Orders of Protection



House Bill 734- What is it?

House Bill 734 was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker on July 30, 2021 after it passed both Houses with bipartisan support.

When House Bill 734 goes into effect, it will change the laws relating to Orders of Protection in order to provide greater protection for survivors of sexual assault. The Bill [\(Read more\)](#)

What is "BIFF" Communication?



“BIFF” Communication is a style or framework for having productive conversations with difficult people or otherwise reasonable people who are in difficult situations. It can be very difficult to maintain a calm and productive relationship with a spouse or partner when you’re in the middle of litigating very personal and emotional issues, such as parenting time or division of assets. BIFF communication was formulated to help people avoid the jabs and reactivity that can easily accompany highly stressful conversations. “BIFF” stands for Brief, Informative, Friendly, and Firm. BIFF encourages that conversations or messages be as brief or short as possible and stick to the facts of the matter. BIFF encourages a friendly but firm [\(Read more\)](#)

SPOTLIGHT

If you have not checked out the Gehris & Associates, LLC Facebook page or Instagram, now is the time to do so. We have fun non-legal office debates and video blogs. 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.

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