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We will continue to provide updates and awareness of legal issues through this newsletter. In this month's issue we will discuss the grounds for divorce and provide a fun legal movie review of My Cousin Vinny.

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Legal Grounds for Getting a Divorce

There were two main types of divorce in the United States; fault and no-fault. As of 2016, spouses in Illinois may only proceed with obtaining a no-fault divorce, meaning that neither spouse may allege traditional fault grounds, such as adultery, as the reason for the divorce. In Illinois, the filing spouse must allege that there has been and are irreconcilable difference as the grounds for obtaining the divorce. In order to obtain a no-fault divorce, a judge must find that there are irreconcilable differences which have caused the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, that efforts to reconcile have failed and/or that any attempt to reconcile would be impossible or not in the best interests of the family. If the spouses have lived separate and apart ([Read more](#))



Legal Movie Review: My Cousin Vinny



My Cousin Vinny is a comedy classic, which turns 30 years old this year. This movie focuses on two young men on a road trip across the country. While traveling through rural Alabama the two accidentally become the prime suspects in a murder. In an act of desperation, one of the young men contacts his cousin Vinny who is played by Joe Pesci to represent him in the murder trial.

Vinny has newly been admitted to practice law, and his focus has been in civil matters. He has no experience in trial or in criminal law. Throwing caution to the wind Vinny rushes to his cousin's aid with the help of his fiancé, Mona Lisa Vito played by Marisa Tomei who works at her family auto shop. Humor ensues as these two New Yorker's attempt to survive in what is essentially a foreign land. Vinny has several missteps as [\(Read more\)](#)

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