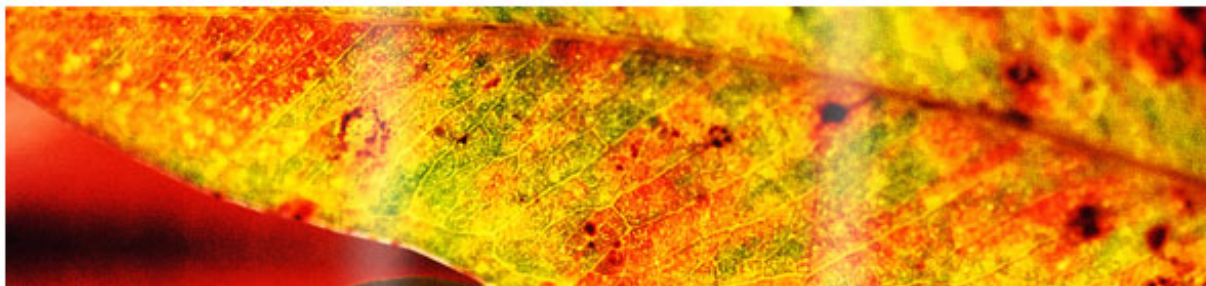


## FIRM NEWSLETTER

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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 terminating maintenance payments and attorney review during real estate transactions.

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### **Terminating Maintenance: In Re the Marriage of Aspan**



In the case *In Re the Marriage of Aspan*, a man's spousal maintenance obligation was terminated by the trial court, which found that the man's ex-wife was in a *de facto* husband and wife relationship. The ex-wife appealed, and the appellate court affirmed the trial court's ruling. The appellate court state that Illinois courts no longer require for there to be proof of sexual conduct so long as the

person seeking to terminate their maintenance obligation can establish facts which would lead a reasonable observer to believe that the individuals were living as husband and wife. In order for there to be a finding of a *de facto* husband and wife relationship, the Court ([Read more](#))

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## What is paragraph 10 Attorney Review? (Real Estate)



A standard residential real estate contract contains an important paragraph, Paragraph 10, "Attorney Review."

Attorney Review can make the difference between a smooth, happy transaction or a frustrating and disappointing one. You may think that the

negotiations are over after the buyer and seller agree on a purchase price and sign the contract – not so! Once the buyer and seller sign the contract, a five-business day period commonly referred to as "Attorney Review" begins. During this period, the buyers and sellers' attorneys can approve or disapprove the contract, propose modifications to the real estate contract, and the buyers' attorney can also request repairs of major components of the property. A thorough attorney can tell you the pros and cons of the contract you have just signed and alert you to any red flags. An attorney will also advise you throughout the transaction as to what your rights are ([Read more](#))



## SPOTLIGHT - What is coming up at Gehris & Associates, LLC in October?

We have a lot of contests, polls, and community events coming up.

**COMING SOON:** Follow us on Facebook or contact our office to get a copy of our Veteran's Day coupon. We will be offering a coupon for a discount on legal services for our veteran community. If you want more information, please contact us.



**FALL CONTESTS:** Do you like to dress up for Halloween? Do you think you have a unique costume this year? Have you dressed up your child in an embarrassing costume and you want to show it off? Have you mastered your pumpkin carving skills? We will be having a costume and/or pumpkin decorating contest for our readers to participate in. Now is your chance to participate in a craft challenge and we will choose a winner. We will be posting the rules soon.

The Gehris & Associates, LLC firm outing will take place in October.

**TEACHER RECOGNITION CONTEST:** WINNING TEACHER\* WILL RECEIVE a \$500.00 DONATION! In order to show our appreciation for our area teachers, especially during this challenging time, we're asking ALL OF OUR FOLLOWERS to submit their nomination for MOST INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER! Please like our page so that we may connect with the winners, and post your story of WHY your favorite teacher has inspired or helped you along the way!

SUBMISSIONS may be done by posting on Facebook, or by private message to the firm's Facebook page. You must provide the story, or reason why they are most inspirational, your name, the teacher's full name and location at which they taught you, along with any current location (if known), for us to contact our winning teacher with their prize.

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 20, 2021.

\*Winning teacher must have taught somewhere within McHenry County, and may educate in grade school, middle school, high school, or College.

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