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About the AuthorJacqueline Harounian, Esq. is a law partner at Wisselman, Harounian Associates, PC in Great Neck, New York and a recognized leader in the field of matrimonial and family law. She skillfully and adeptly handles complex divorce, custody and support matters in the Family and Supreme Courts on Long Island and New York City. As a highly experienced trial attorney, Jackie nevertheless believes that a negotiated settlement, rather than litigation, is the preferred strategy for her clients. Her approach is client focused, straightforward and empathetic. She provides respect and compassion, guiding her clients towards a cost effective and clear-cut resolution that is in their best interest. Jackie attended Columbia College (B.A. cum laude, English Literature and Middle Eastern Languages) and thereafter, Hofstra University School of Law (J.D. with honors). She was admitted to practice law in New York State, 2nd Department, in 1995, and admitted to practice before The Supreme Court of the United States in 2013. Among her many accolades, she is rated "Pre Eminent" and recognized with the highest possible peer review rating ("AV") by Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and professional ethics, with a "Superb" rating (10 out of 10) on Avvo.com. She has been chosen to the Super Lawyers list for the past six consecutive years (2010-2015), and Super Lawyers has repeatedly selected her as one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers" in New York, each time as the only Long Island divorce attorney on the list. Public service and volunteering have always been a priority for Jackie since she began her legal career. She is the current President of Yashar, the Attorneys and Lawyers Chapter of Hadassah. Since 2007, she has been an Adjunct Professor of Family Law at Hofstra Law School. She lectures on a regular basis to attorneys, accountants, mental health professionals, police departments, and bar associations. She is a sought after speaker for a range of topics including financial and legal empowerment, negotiating skills, and women's issues. She has been involved in efforts to advance legislation in her field, including same sex marriage laws, and proposed child abduction legislation. Jackie has made numerous television appearances as an expert in family law, including WABC Good Morning America; WCBS Evening News, radio and cable programs. Her advice is featured on a regular basis in print

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