

**Nassau County Supreme Court
Matrimonial Center**

**Notice to Counsel and Litigants
Amendment to §240 of the Domestic Relations Law**

- Child Support Modernization Act -

The “Child Support Modernization Act” (*Chapter 343 of the Laws of 2009*) made changes to various sections of the Social Services Law, Family Court Act, and Domestic Relations Law.

As part of this legislation, Section 240 of the Domestic Relations Law was amended to **increase the “combined parental income amount”** (the maximum dollar value of parental income, or “cap”, to which the Child Support Standards Act (CSSA) percentages must be applied for the calculation of child support) as follows:

Effective January 31, 2010 - from \$80,000 to \$ 130,000
January 31, 2012 - from \$130,000 to \$136,000
January 31, 2014 - from \$136,000 to \$141,000

The cap amount will be adjusted every two years according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U).

Please be aware that all actions commenced on or after the effective date cited above, as well as any agreements executed after that date, will be controlled by the new legislation. Therefore, all child support language contained in a matrimonial agreement or stipulation should be in compliance with this amendment, as well as the child support language contained in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

NOTE: The forms available on the NYS Court web site will be modified to reflect the amendments stated above. If you are utilizing the older pre-printed “Uncontested Divorce Packets”, you will need to make the changes by hand before submitting to the court.