

**Nassau County Supreme Court
Matrimonial Center**

Notice to Counsel and Litigants

- Divorce Reform Act of 2010-

The “Divorce Reform Act of 2010 makes changes to various sections of the Family Court Act and Domestic Relations Law.

“NO-FAULT DIVORCE”

As part of this legislation, Section 170 of the Domestic Relations Law was amended to add subdivision (7) as a ground for divorce. It allows a divorce upon the showing of an “irretrievable breakdown” of the marriage for a period of six months. The statute requires a sworn statement by one party to prove the grounds - **but requires that all financial, custody, and visitation issues either be resolved by agreement or determined by the court prior to granting the judgment.**

Please be aware that all actions commenced on or after the effective date will be controlled by the new legislation.

This amendment will be effective October 12, 2010

NOTE: The forms available on the NYS Court web site have been modified to reflect the amendments stated above