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## **Kingston's Hanan M. Isaacs Tapped to Teach Alimony Reform at NJSBA Solo and Small Firm Section's 6th Annual Conference**

The New Jersey State Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Practice Section has tapped Supreme Court Certified Family Law Specialist Hanan M. Isaacs, Esq., as a speaker at both its North and South Jersey 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference venues, held February 29 and March 7, 2015. Mr. Isaacs's topic is "New Jersey Alimony Reform", based on the new statute passed unanimously by the Legislature and signed into law last September by Governor Christie.

"This is a crucial area of law practice for solo and small firm lawyers who advocate in divorce matters," said Isaacs, whose law firm is in Kingston, NJ. "This background information helps the legal community serve the public better. I am thrilled to share this information with my peers."

Divorce reform has been in the works for three years in New Jersey, based on the perception that the previous alimony system gave too much discretion to the trial judges, which resulted in unfair outcomes for the obligor spouse, especially regarding alimony termination upon retirement.

New Jersey's solo and small firm practitioners comprise the majority of practicing lawyers in our State. Said Isaacs, "It is especially important for these lawyers to understand the new alimony changes. They are often at the front of the front lines in the divorce arena."

The revised alimony statute includes many key changes, including elimination of "permanent" or "lifetime" alimony; capping the years of alimony for those married for less than 20 years; clarifying the rules on termination of alimony based upon retirement; tightening up the rules on modifying or terminating alimony based upon cohabitation of the obligee spouse; and stating that the marital lifestyle, a starting point of the alimony analysis, should be enjoyed by both former spouses, not just the alimony recipient.

### **About Hanan M. Isaacs**

For 34 years, Hanan Isaacs has worked as a mediator, arbitrator, and trial lawyer from his Central New Jersey law office. Attorney Isaacs is experienced in employment and business litigation, as well as personal injury, family law, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR). By providing exceptional representation to each of his clients, Isaacs has built a solid reputation in the Kingston, New Jersey area, in Central New Jersey, and statewide.

Isaacs has been recognized by the NJ Bar Association multiple times and has been chosen by his peers as a top attorney in *Best Lawyers in America* publication from 2005 to 2009 and in *SuperLawyers* from 2010 to 2014..

Hanan Isaacs is a New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Family Law Specialist, and an Accredited Professional Mediator (APM) in both civil and family law matters with the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM). He completed his training in Collaborative Law in compliance with the International Association of Collaborative Professional

Interdisciplinary Training Standards. Isaacs has served as an adjunct law and college professor, a legal writer, a public speaker, and has held various high level positions in professional law and ADR organizations. Isaacs has served on the Board of the National Employment Lawyers Association – New Jersey Chapter, and of the Coalition for Peace Action in Princeton, New Jersey.

If you need to discuss a family law or other civil litigation issue: the New Jersey attorneys at Hanan M. Isaacs are available to help you. To schedule a consultation or to learn more about Hanan M. Isaacs, call (609) 683-7400 or go to [www.hananiaaacs.com](http://www.hananiaaacs.com)