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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Clients of Z Family Law, LLC

Re: Z Family Law's COVID-19 Response

Dear Clients,

Let's talk about coronavirus and what that means for Z Family Law. First of all, we are prepared to continue working on your case and to navigate the evolving Court schedules. This is exactly why you hired a qualified team of attorneys, divorce coach, and legal assistants.

You can focus on how current events are impacting you personally. With changes happening with your job, or your child's school, or the people you need to take care of, we want you to have the reassurance that we've got your back with your legal matter. Your top priority at this time is to stay healthy, and we want to keep that your top priority.

***Working Together***

Here at Z Family Law, LLC, we designed our firm from its inception to be 100% mobile. This means that every team member can work remotely, so we can keep on helping you not only wherever you are, but also wherever we are. Please know that regardless of whether we are working from our offices or from our homes, you will be able to contact your team, and we will continue to work on your case to get you the best result.

We recognize that, with school closings, daycare closings, quarantine, inability to work, illness, etc., you may have a special need to talk to your attorney to navigate this situation—technology ensures that we will be able to be available to you. To schedule a telephone or videoconferencing appointment, simply e-mail your attorney and copy their legal assistant, and we will work with you to schedule that appointment.

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If you are struggling with the logistical or emotional aspects of how to handle the impact of COVID-19 on your family law matter, but you do not need legal advice, our divorce coach is happy to help! Just e-mail her to schedule an appointment.

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### ***What the Courts Are Doing for You***

The Z Family Law team has been monitoring the Courts' rapidly changing response to COVID-19. At this point, most courts are closed to the public except for emergency hearings (including domestic violence hearings). The Court is, however, accepting filings. If your case is in active litigation, you will receive a call from your attorney within the next 48 hours to discuss how we will move your case forward.

For specific information about Montgomery County, Maryland, check out the Court's website [here](#). For information about other Maryland counties, the Maryland State Bar Association has created an excellent website [here](#). For information about the District of Columbia, look [here](#).

### ***What Z Family Law Is Doing for You***

Z Family Law is working to quickly and appropriately respond to ensure our clients continue to receive excellent legal services.

If you need guidance on co-parenting through this time, we have written a blog post called "[Guidance for Families Struggling With Divorce, Custody, & Domestic Violence During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)." Please review the advice we provided. If you would like to schedule a one-on-one appointment to review your family's coronavirus safety plan, we are offering these sessions at a discounted rate of \$100.00 for a half an hour. The session will review:

1. Who will provide care if your child becomes ill?
2. When and how will you seek medical care for your child?
3. Who will provide care while school is closed?
4. Who will provide care if both you and your co-parent become ill? Can this person be counted on long-term if you both become seriously ill?
5. How will you transfer your child to the other home if the custodial parent becomes ill?
6. How will your child communicate with their other parent if a quarantine impedes your normal custody exchanges?

7. What additional provisions will your child need at each house in the event of a quarantine?
8. Tips for reassuring your children.
9. Using the lease conflict-ridden means of communication to make a plan with your co-parent.
10. What options are available to you if you are a survivor of domestic violence.

You can schedule an appointment for a virtual parenting and COVID-19 session [here](#).

Z Family Law is also providing an opportunity to learn more about family law issues while in lockdown. We will be providing a free webinar series as follows:

Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>How to Stay Safe During a Lockdown—A Guide for Domestic Violence Survivors</i></b>
Tuesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>Surviving and Thriving in Today's Economic Times—For Those Going Through Divorce or Who Are Recently Divorced</i></b>
Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>When the Lockdown Deepens Marital Discord—How to Use This Time to Leap Forward Into Your New Normal</i></b>
Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>Divorce Bootcamp—How to Use Your Time During the Lockdown to Prepare for a Divorce</i></b>
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>Custody Bootcamp—How to Use Your Time During the Lockdown to Prepare for a Custody Case</i></b>
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	<b><i>Tie A Tighter Knot—Using the Lockdown to Work on Your Prenuptial Agreement Checklist</i></b>

Please check back on our website and our Facebook page for more details!

Finally, we are creating a COVID-19 section on our website. We will update it frequently with information about COVID-19 and the local Courts, as well as with information for our clients to make progress in their family law matter during this time.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation over the next several weeks and we will be in touch with each of you, individually, over the next few days.

Sincerely,

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