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September 2015 Newsletter

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This newsletter includes blogs on the new maintenance law in New York, and the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 same-sex marriage decision. The Family Center is happy to introduce our newest family team member, child therapist Bela Rud. Finally, enjoy a viewing of magazine cover photographs taken by my daughter, Jasmine.

-With best wishes for the Fall holidays.
Sherri

From my Blog...

[2015 Legislative Changes in Matrimonial and Family Law in New York](#)

A permanent maintenance formula will come into effect in New York this year for the first time. On June 24, 2015, the New York State Senate passed a bill that will bring a number of revisions to the Domestic Relations Laws regarding the spousal support. The New York State Assembly passed this same bill on June 15, 2015, the previous week. It is widely expected that Governor Cuomo will sign this bill, which has support from several prominent legal organizations such as the New York State Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York into law before the end of the year. [Read more...](#)

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[Supreme Court's 2015 Same Sex Marriage Decision](#)

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States decided the matter of [Obergefell v. Hodges](#). The petitioner, James Obergefell, sued the Director of the Ohio Department of Health after he was denied the right to be listed on his partner's death certificate as the surviving spouse. This matter was combined, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, with several other lawsuits by same-sex partners against the respective authorities in Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Their argument was that the officials in these states violated the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by denying them the right to marry or to have marriages lawfully performed in another state given full recognition. [Read more...](#)

[The Family Team](#) **Our Newest Member!**



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psychotherapist with almost two decades of experience successfully working with children, adolescents and adults. She uses a holistic approach to help clients get through difficult changes in their family's life, overcome depression, anxiety, and other issues. Her process involves mindfulness and meditation, as well as energy psychology and implementation of art therapy with both children and adults.



Congratulations to Jasmine Clarke, Sherri's daughter! Jasmine's photos have recently been published on the cover of Rookie Magazine. View the photos [here](#).

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