



Family Law Matters: Co-parenting in Captivity

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Jacqueline Harounian is a Partner of the Law Firm of **Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C.** established in 1976, a recognized leader in the field of matrimonial and family law, (US News and World Report, 2019.) She began with the firm in 1993 while a law student, and became a partner in 2006. Her unique multidisciplinary background, including a graduate degree in Behavioral Forensic Psychology and Family Systems Therapy, enables her to adeptly handle complex divorce and custody matters in the Family and Supreme Courts on Long Island and New York City. Recognized as a highly experienced trial and appellate advocate, Harounian nevertheless believes that a negotiated settlement is often the best strategy, especially if there are minor children and co- parenting is desired. Her approach is straightforward, responsive, and client focused. She emphasizes respect and compassion during the divorce process, and guides her clients towards a holistic and cost effective resolution of their matter that is in their best interest.

Harounian has performed extensive *pro bono* work for The Safe Center, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Long Island Crisis Center. She has raised awareness and funds for a range of social and legal causes on Long Island. Among her many achievements over 20+ years of practice, she was chosen to the Super Lawyers list for seven consecutive years, and also repeatedly selected to its most prestigious list -- "*Top 50 Women Lawyers*" in New York, as the only Long Island matrimonial lawyer. In 2019, she was appointed to the Board of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, and she currently serves as co- Chair of the Matrimonial Committee. Her article, "Legal Implications of Religious Divorce", was recently featured in Nassau Lawyer and presented at the WBASNY 2019 annual convention. Harounian lectures regularly to attorneys, law students, mental health professionals, accountants, and women's groups, and is a sought after speaker for a range of topics including financial and legal empowerment, religious divorce (Islamic *Mahr*, Jewish *Gett*), sexual and cyber- harassment, parenting issues, intellectual property in divorce matters, and mental health / addiction issues. Harounian is continuing her studies in behavioral psychology to complete her Masters. Her book, Divorce Reality Check (2016), is available on Amazon and major bookstores.