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VISHNICK McGOVERN MILIZIO LLP LAUNCHES 'VMM FAMILY INSTITUTE'

*Designed to foster cooperation and effective communications among the adults
involved in Matrimonial and Family Law matters*

In the words of founder and practice group leader **Joseph Trotti**, "I have spent virtually my entire professional career assisting families, as they are forced to deal with the issues surrounding divorce, custody, support and domestic violence. Finding new ways to provide effective representation has been a constant challenge. The current legal system's reliance on adversarial proceedings often is not only inefficient, but harmful to the transition of families. At Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP, we are proud to introduce the **VMM Family InstituteSM**."



Mr. Trotti continues, "When conceiving the VMM Family InstituteSM, we borrowed from a concept known as "Collaborative Law," which recognizes that emotional issues exist, which cannot be addressed by the legal system. The collaborative divorce agenda formally incorporates an interdisciplinary approach with the goal of improving the divorce process for families and reducing the accompanying emotional harm."

What falls under the purview of the VMM Family InstituteSM?

- Collaborative Law: Engaging a team of professionals to help the parties understand and resolve their disputes, which may be legal or emotional
- Alternative families: Those created through fostering and adoption; single parenting by choice; or a family with LGBT parents...among other contemporary configurations of what defines a family
- Representation of children in custody and other legal matters in New York Family and Supreme Courts
- Representation of children as designated by the Appellate Division Office of Attorneys for Children through appointments by Family Court Judges and Supreme Court Justices
- Pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- Separation, divorce and maintenance agreements
- Establishing paternity
- Child support and custody agreements
- Adoptions
- Guardianships
- Mental, emotional and physical health issues related to Family Law, Estate Planning and Medicaid Planning
- Education Law: Encompassing discrimination in educating students to prevent disabled individuals from being discriminated against in the educational process, and ensuring such students are given all reasonable accommodations necessary to allow them to learn the same subjects in the same facilities as students who are not disabled.
- Securing orders of protection