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## “No-Fault” Divorce

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New York recently amended the Domestic Relations (divorce) law to provide another way to divorce without the need for one spouse to be “at fault.” Pursuant to Domestic Relations Law Sec. 170[7], it is now possible to obtain a divorce if the Husband or the Wife states under oath (or by Affidavit) that the marriage relationship has been irretrievably broken down for at least six months. As long as all other issues have been resolved by the parties or the court, namely the economic issues of equitable distribution of marital property, spousal support and child support, counsel and expert fees (if any), and custody and visitation of the unemancipated children of the marriage, a divorce may be granted.