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Free Class- Alternatives to Court: Mediation 101

We will be holding a free, virtual, divorce education class on Thursday, January 19th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. This month our topic addresses mediation as an alternative to court.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 908-810-1083 and ask for Jaime or email: jaime@awilliamslawgroup.com

Congratulations, Sara!

Recently, Sara was able to assist a family with a step-parent adoption, as well as, securing an out of state birth



certificate, despite numerous challenges imposed due to the pandemic and differing state policies. One of the most special moments is watching a family move forward with the adoption process and seeing the joy on everyone's faces - something that Sara is passionate about.

If you or a loved one you know is in need of legal services surrounding adoption please call us at (908) 810-1083 to schedule a consultation!

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I DON'T CALL THEM
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I PREFER THE TERM:
CASUAL PROMISES
TO MYSELF THAT
I AM UNDER NO LEGAL
OBLIGATION TO FULFILL

History of New Year's Resolutions

The custom of making New Year's resolutions has been around for thousands of years, but it hasn't always looked the way it does today.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of

the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

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Happy Workiversary, LaDonna!

LaDonna M. Cousins, Esq. has devoted her practice to matrimonial and family law, including divorce proceedings, post-judgment matters, issues related to custody, parenting time, child support, pre-nuptial agreements, stepparent and adult adoptions, and more.

She received her undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish, from Georgetown University. Thereafter, in 2011, she achieved her Juris Doctorate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. While attending law school, LaDonna participated in the Trial Advocacy program as well as the Domestic Relations Mediation Clinical, where she was trained in mediation skills and conducted mediation sessions with parties referred

by the Family Court. After LaDonna's graduation from law school, she served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Susan F. Maven, J.S.C., of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County.

LaDonna is admitted to practice in New Jersey (admitted in 2011) and Pennsylvania (admitted in 2011) and is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association and the Middlesex County Bar Association.

LaDonna is honored to have been designated a Super Lawyers Rising Star for the years 2017 through 2021.

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