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**Russell I. Marnell Offers Advice for Divorced Parents on How to Handle Their Children’s Educational Needs for the School Year**

MELVILLE, NEW YORK — This school year will prove to be challenging for parents. For some, it means rearranging their work schedules so they can stay with their children as they learn from home. For a divorced parent, it can be even more stressful — having to communicate with their ex-spouse regarding schedules and following up on their children’s progress without it devolving into an argument.

Russell I. Marnell of [Marnell Law Group, P.C.](#) says both parents should put their differences aside and stay focused on their children’s educational development. “Both parents should be participating in their children’s learning, making sure their children are being properly taught in their core subjects,” he says. “They should also work out a schedule and divide their time equally with their children. This will also provide a routine for the children and prevent any interruptions in their learning.”

Because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, students had to transition to remote learning. Mr. Marnell says many parents are not sure this is a practical way for their children to learn, especially those who have younger children. He urges parents to lobby the school district to reopen the classrooms.

“Placing grade-school children behind the computer at home instead of in front of a teacher in the classroom is not effective,” Mr. Marnell says. “Younger children need that human interaction and personal instruction to help them become better students. Both the custodial parent and their ex-spouse should join together as advocates for their children and make the case for live, in-person learning.”

Mr. Marnell also urges parents to sit with their children to make sure they are receiving proper instruction. “Schools may discourage parents from sitting in on their children’s online classes, but parents need to see for themselves if the school is adequately providing their children’s educational needs,” he says. “Parental involvement is key in a child’s education and, even if both parents are divorced, it is incumbent upon both of them to continue to take on the responsibility to care for their children.”

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Located in Melville, New York, [Marnell Law Group, P.C.](#) concentrates in divorce and family law matters, including complex custody, equitable distribution, child support and maintenance issues. Founded in 1985, the firm continues to provide its New York metro area clients with excellent representation and service. While the attorneys at Marnell Law Group, P.C. will negotiate vigorously to settle your matter, should a matter need to proceed to trial, clients may rest assured that Mr. Marnell’s vast and extremely successful trial experience will put them at a great advantage. Mr. Marnell is a fellow of the esteemed American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has been selected as a Metro New York Super Lawyer in the practice area of Family Law. Mr. Marnell has also received the Martindale-Hubbell AV rating — the highest rating an attorney can achieve. He is a member of the Matrimonial Committees of the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations and the New York Family Law American Inns

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