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Featured in this issue:

All is Fair in Love and Court

Divorce, by definition, is the dissolution of a marriage. Whether you choose to perceive divorce as a love story-gone-wrong or as a fresh start is entirely up to you. Whatever your stance, we encourage all individuals considering a divorce to seek legal counsel. Some couples are fortunate enough to experience speedy and amicable divorce proceedings. Others, however, experience emotionally and financially draining journeys. An attorney can help you navigate through both contested and uncontested matters and serve as a mediator during discussions between you and the party from which you're separating.

According to Forbes, couples spend an average of \$15,000 to \$20,000 on divorce proceedings. These prices increase significantly as court proceedings continue for issues regarding alimony, child support and custody, property distribution and other terms. With Legal Resources, your divorce fees are already significantly reduced by your monthly membership fees. Your attorney will also have likely worked with you on essential planning documents such as wills and estate plans, giving them a jumpstart on background information needed to expedite the divorce process.

THE MISSION

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide high-quality legal services to our members, enabling them to lead lives free of major legal expenses.

THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- The New York Times vs. ChatGPT
- Dealing with Divorce
- Ozempic lawsuits, and much more!



#TRENDINGNOW

Oh Oh Oh Ozempic

Does the jingle sound familiar? The blockbuster prescription drug is not only creating a buzz for its popularity on TV and social media, but for the increasing attention it is attracting in U.S. courtrooms. Several Ozempic users are coming forward as plaintiffs seeking damages from the drug's manufacturer, Novo Nordisk, for life-altering side effects, namely gastroparesis. Read more [here](#).



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Something Different

Legal Life Events

Whether you're jumpstarting your career or working towards retirement, it's never too early nor too late to utilize your Legal Plan. We can anticipate a variety of legal events during every stage of life. A twenty-something renting his first apartment or purchasing his first car can ask his Plan Attorney to review both the lease and auto-purchase agreements. Fifty-somethings, on the other hand, can seek guidance on estate planning and HOA hearings.

As always, Members' spouses and qualifying dependents are covered under our Legal Plan as well. Here are the number one ways we can service you today:

- 20s:** Rental Agreements: Full review of lease agreements and related addendums
- 30s:** Real Estate Matters: Review of all legal documents and representation for proceedings related to the sale or purchase of a home, including rental properties.
- 40s:** Teenage Drivers: Assistance with reducing charges, minimizing penalties and arranging courtroom representation in you or your child's absence.
- 50s:** Estate Planning: Preparation and/or revision of documents related to asset protection, property distribution, etc.
- 60s:** Advance Medical Directive: Preparation and/or revision of documents related to end-of-life care and arrangements.

CYBER CORNER

New York Times vs ChatGPT

ChatGPT has revolutionized the writing world, but not everyone is impressed by its contributions. The New York Times sued ChatGPT's creators, OpenAI, as well its leading endorser, Microsoft, late last year for copyright infringement. The newspaper titan accuses OpenAI of violating "fair use" laws and permitting unlawful copying. Several other publishers have filed suits similar to that of the Times, so only time will tell what the future holds for AI. Get the scoop on [NPR](#) or review details of the suit [here](#).

HAVE A QUESTION?

Please contact our Member Services Department with questions regarding your plan coverage, or attorney/law firm-related questions at 800.728.5768.

Did You Know...

We all know Leap Years occur every four years, but if you asked Julius Caesar or Pope Gregory XIII, the fathers, so to speak, of the Leap Year, they would say differently. Understanding the math involved in the Leap Year is no small feat, so we simply accept February 29 with open arms. The extra day carries with it several interesting facts: leap year babies are called "leaplings," it's a popular day for women to propose and in some cultures, it is one of the unluckiest days of the year. How will you spend your extra 24 hours in 2024?

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can all members attend Legal Resources' virtual seminar series?

A: Yes! All members are invited to participate in our virtual seminars. Simply RSVP via the link provided with the seminar announcement and join us online for a discussion about #WhenLifeGetsLegal.

Visit LRSeminars.com for the most up-to-date information regarding future events.



Tip of The Month!

Diversify Date Night

When we think of Valentine's Day, many of us envision a romantic, candlelit dinner at the most expensive restaurant in town. Let's mix up Valentine's Day this year and discover new ways to shower our nearest and dearest with love. Consider a tour through one of your hometown's esteemed galleries or museums or a stroll around a nearby park. Interested in celebrating at home? Prepare a meal together or start the day with breakfast in bed. You can even kick start the next chapter in your love story by picking up a new hobby to do together.

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