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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Divorcing? Move to Connecticut

If an unscrupulous New York monied spouse plans to divorce, he should first convince his wife to relocate the family to Connecticut and, once jurisdiction attaches, start his divorce action there. Compared to the tolls taken in New York, Connecticut runs an E-ZPass lane to divorce.

For example, in its recent decision in *Spencer v. Spencer*, decided on Valentine's Day and published in the Law Journal on Feb. 15, page 26, the Court of Appeals held that a divorcee from Connecticut, who happens to have custody of the parties' children, cannot extend the state's age of majority for child support purposes from 18 to 21 years of age by relocating from Connecticut to New York following a Connecticut divorce.

That means a short yet devious move to Connecticut will allow the monied spouse the right to obtain a **no-fault** divorce, still unavailable in New York, limit his child support obligation until the children reach 18 rather than 21 as is the law in New York state, plus he will not have to value or distribute to his wife a share of the enhanced earning capacity he attained during the marriage by obtaining an educational degree or license. With a trifecta of benefits to be achieved by a strategic relocation, those unhappy marital sorts who choose to remain in New York do so at their own peril.

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