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## **SINGLE PARENTS OFTEN LEFT IN THE DARK OVER HOW MUCH CHILD SUPPORT TO BE PAID**

### ***Natick Attorneys' iPhone "App" to Assist in Calculating Proper Figures for Child Support***

Divorce rates as high as 50%. Children born into single-parent households. Troubling economic times. Combined, these all set the stage for countless Child Support cases nationwide, and are (or should be) of particular interest to anyone facing divorce or raising a child in a split household. However, many people simply do not know how to navigate the laws and rules regarding how much child support is appropriate or required under the given circumstances. Others may be hesitant or unwilling to approach an attorney or take action in court to calculate child support. Attorneys at the Natick, MA firm of Kelsey & Trask, P.C. have improved the public's access to the law by launching two new applications designed for the iPod Touch and iPhone: applications that calculate the proper amount of child support, taking into consideration such things as the income of the parents, childcare expenses, health care costs and the number of children. This is one of the few legal apps for iPhone, and it is the only child support application available for Massachusetts.

The "Massachusetts Child Support Calculator" is available for free download at Apple's iTunes store by searching for Massachusetts Child Support Calculator in the iTunes store. Kelsey & Trask, P.C. also hosts free web-based version compatible with BlackBerry and other smart phones on the firm's mobile website, <http://m.kelseytrask.com>. Attorney Justin L. Kelsey, Esq. of Kelsey & Trask, P.C. said that the application is intended to assist the public and other attorneys as a simple, inexpensive, and straightforward way for people to understand their rights and obligations when it comes to child support. "It's disappointing to see people not taking advantage of the laws designed to protect and provide for them and their families. We hope that these calculators will help answer the most common question I hear from my clients: 'what are my rights regarding child support I should pay or receive'". Attorney Kelsey is pleased with the app's feedback: "we have received positive reviews from attorneys and the public from the web version of the calculator. Introducing the calculator as an iPhone app brings the calculator to a new segment of technology users, and we are happy to make the law accessible however we can."

Kelsey & Trask, P.C. is a full-service law firm concentrating in bankruptcy, family law, and the legal needs of small and medium-sized businesses in Metro-West Massachusetts.

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