



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruth Hassell-Thompson

## Senator Hassell-Thompson to Hold Public Hearing Regarding No-Fault Divorce and Matrimonial Law Reform

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Considering major reforms to New York's matrimonial laws, Senate Majority Conference Leader John L. Sampson and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson will hear testimony from leaders of New York's Matrimonial Bar, State and local Bar Associations, leading advocates for victims of domestic violence and the public regarding:

- No-fault divorce
- The treatment of marital assets including the examination of post-marital income guidelines
- The award of interim counsel fees to non-moneyed spouses in matrimonial matters

**Who:** Senate Majority Conference Leader John L. Sampson, *Chair, Judiciary Committee*  
Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, *Chairwoman, Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee and Chairwoman, Majority Task Force on Domestic Violence*  
Senator Liz Krueger, *Vice-chair of the Finance Committee*  
Senator Diane Savino, *Chair of Civil Service and Pensions Committee*

**Partial List of Speakers:**

Hon. Alan Scheinkman, *Administrative Judge of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*

Hon. Sondra Miller, *Chair of 2007 Miller Commission*

Annette Hasapidis, Esq., *Co-chair Legislative Committee of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York*

Ronnie Gouz Esq., *Chair of the Family Law section of the New York State Bar Association*

Catherine Douglass, Esq., *Executive Director of InMotion and co-founder of Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence*

Ellen Schell, Esq., *Legal Director, Legal Director, of The Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association*

Professor Andrew Shepard, *Director for the Center for Children, Families and the Law at Hofstra University*

Ronnie Gouz Esq., *Chair of the Family Law section of the New York State Bar Association*

**When:** Thursday, May 6, 2010  
1:00 P.M.– 5:00 P.M.

**Where:** 250 Broadway  
Senate Hearing Room, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Manhattan

*This hearing can be viewed live at [www.livestream.com/NYSenate\\_Judiciary](http://www.livestream.com/NYSenate_Judiciary).*