

## **How Intelligent Dispute Resolution for Separating, Divorced and Never-Married Parents Can Dramatically Reduce Conflict and the Need for Costly Court Litigation**

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Legally married or not, one thing that never changes when couples decide to go their separate ways and children are involved is the ability to amicably make decisions about co-parenting. This can include everything from custody, visitation, education and healthcare to holidays, allowances, dietary choices and even bedtimes, all of which can have a dramatic and permanent impact on a child's emotional and physical well-being.

Regardless of the circumstances that led to the dissolution of the marriage or long-term relationship, your ability to make these choices civilly—even if you don't always agree—is the biggest gift you can give your children. It's also something every couple may face someday.

Put simply, no one is immune, and co-parenting disputes have been alarmingly on the rise in the United States in recent years, filling our court systems with an unending barrage of costly and often needless legal disputes. As Hon. Patrick Mahoney (RET), former family judge and past presiding judge of San Francisco Superior Court notes: "As a veteran family law judge, I can say that most, perhaps up to 80% if I were to put a number on it, return to court filings, modifications, etc. have at least one parental decision-making component to their argument. Most family law litigation involved asking judges to make decisions about parenting, as opposed to asking for truly legal determinations."

One emerging solution for solving co-parenting conflicts before they require legal intervention is the use of intelligent dispute resolution (IDR) technologies such as the one being deployed by CoParenter. Currently the number one app of its kind, it was designed to help separated, divorced and never-married parents communicate, manage and organize everyday co-parenting responsibilities.

In this timely webinar, CoParenter Founder & CEO Jonathan Verk will discuss how IDR technology works, what the most typical co-parenting conflicts are, and the tangible ways IDR takes a holistic approach to resolving them before things get out of hand.

He will also explore the critical role that members of the legal and mental health professions (divorce attorneys, judges, psychologists, social workers, etc.) need to play in embracing this technology in order to produce the most effective outcomes.

The key takeaways will include:

- The potent need for IDR technology more than before.
- How unlike traditional Online Dispute Resolution Platforms (ODR), it integrates on-demand human and machine-based intervention with a broad spectrum of management, organization and communications tools in one intelligent platform.
- What the biggest benefits are for co-parents, including language filters to prevent users from sending derogatory messages they may regret later.
- How the capability to integrate live, on-demand subject matter into IDR platforms is what sets this category apart, thereby giving co-parents an affordable and effective means for resolving their conflicts and learning to navigate the intricacies of broken ties without the expenses of court.
- The pros of IDR for legal services and family practice professionals who can similarly utilize it to more efficiently and effectively deliver services, resulting in lower costs and time savings, and ultimately greater client satisfaction.

**Presenter/Jonathan Verk** is on a mission to make the complexities of co-parenting less complex. As the Founder & CEO of CoParenter and a divorced father, Jonathan has utilized both his personal experience and deep background of more than two decades in various leadership roles in the television, advertising and media industries to help separating, divorced and never-married parents communicate, manage and organize everyday responsibilities amicably, save money, stay out of court and make better decisions for their kids.

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