Kingston's Hanan M. Isaacs, Esq., Moderated Expert Panel on Electronic and Social Media in NJ Family Litigation

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Kingston, NJ -- (ReleaseWire) -- 12/08/2016 -- On Dec 8th, 2016, Certified Family Law Specialist Hanan M. Isaacs, moderated an expert panel at the Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Fall CLE-Fest, Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mr. Isaacs's panel focused on "Electronic and Social Media in Family Litigation: What's Useful? What's Beyond the Pale?"

Mr. Isaacs's panel included Judge Michael Diamond (Ret.), Phyllis S. Klein, Esq., Angela M. Scafuri, Esq., and Jeralyn L. Lawrence, Esq. Topics included: Presenting Electronic Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases; Provisions in Prenuptial Agreements and Final Settlements Prohibiting Parties From Injuring One Another By Posting Offensive Photos and References on Social Media; Collecting Evidence from Smartphones; E-Discovery Obstacles; Forensic Inspections of Home Computers and Personal Email; Proportionate E-Discovery; New Federal Rules' Impact on NJ Jurisprudence; Divorce in the Digital Age; Retrieving Electronically Stored Information; Criminal Sanctions for Illegal Wiretapping; and NJ Ethics Issues for Lawyers Who Conduct Improper Social Media and Other Electronic Investigations.

Mr. Isaacs created this panel for NJ ICLE last August out of his long interest in the intersection of law and social media, criminal sanctions, and civil and family law uses and abuses of electronic media. The first program, NJ ICLE Summer CLE-Fest, in Atlantic City, was so well received that NJ-ICLE decided to reprise the panel as one of its Fall CLE-Fest offerings.

Said Isaacs, "Facebook, Twitter, and other social media keep many of us electronically connected most of the time. For couples going through a Family Court battle, pictures and posts on social media can become 'smoking gun' proofs of disputed notice, actual knowledge, physical presence, post-divorce cohabitation, physical injuries, etc." Isaacs continued, "If a picture is worth 10,000 words, then electronic media, including pictures and sounds, are worth far more. They can prove or disprove a case, definitively, hard stop."

According to an ABC News poll, 80 percent of U.S. divorce attorneys believe social media have become a major issue in divorce proceedings. The trend to add social media clauses to prenuptial and final divorce agreements protects the reputation and privacy of divorcing spouses and creates clear restrictions on the rights of parents to post about their children.

New Jersey Attorneys are required to complete 24 credit hours of continuing legal education every two years. Fall CLE-Fest encourages lawyers to fill in their missing credit hours.

Concluded Isaacs, "I was honored to present at Fall CLE-Fest. It was my pleasure to moderate this panel of renowned experts and share my experience with our wonderful audience."

About Hanan M. Isaacs
Hanan M. Isaacs is a mediator, arbitrator, and trial lawyer dedicated to providing outstanding legal representation and ADR
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