

Happy Father's Day



Fathers are true conflict resolvers! For Father's Day, we applaud Fathers with great conflict resolution skills and encourage Fathers to think about how their conflict resolution styles impact the children they love-- and who love them.

A Brief History of Father's Day

The story goes that while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in church in 1909, the idea of honoring and celebrating her father came to Sonora Smart Dodd. Sonora's dad William Smart, a Civil War veteran, single handedly raised his six children after his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Sonora knew that fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise and recognition for their hard work and efforts, and believed there should be a day set aside to honor her father and others like him. The original plan was to celebrate the first Father's Day on June 5, the anniversary of her father's death. The first Father's Day celebration was held on the third Sunday in June in Spokane, WA.

Support to make the day a national holiday began almost immediately, and it was recommended by President Coolidge in 1924 that Father's Day become a national holiday. Despite support for the idea, no official action was taken until an Executive Order signed by President Johnson in 1966 designated the third Sunday in June as the official "Father's Day". The day was finally recognized as a national holiday in 1972 during the administration of President Nixon.

Upcoming Events

*"Art In Bloom"
Fine Art Festival
June 16-17, 2018
10:00 am-4:00 pm
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Rd
Winfield*

*For more information:
Cantigny Park Events*

*Lawyers Lending A Hand
June 19, 2018*

*6:00 pm
Northern Illinois Food Bank
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Geneva, IL
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***With love and gratitude to the Fathers
and conflict resolvers in my life!***

My children's Dad & my Husband Ken 1942-2015
My Dad, Joe Brennan 1925-1977



"When God Made A Father"

by Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating Fathers, he started with a tall frame.

And a nearby angel said, "What kind of father is that? If you are going to make a child so close to the ground, why have you put the father up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child into bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make a child-size father, whom would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

The angel shook her head and said, "Large hands can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands for pony tails, or remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets, yet small enough to cup a child's face in."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

"Do you realize you just made a father without a lap?", the angel clucked.

God said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, to

balance a child on a bicycle, or to hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boots are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice, and eyes that saw everything but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added tears. He then turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel said no more.

Recognizing the importance of fathers in the lives of their children, the Law Office of Brigid A. Duffield, P.C. salutes fathers everywhere and wishes you a "Happy Father's Day"!

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