

Should a Financially Dependent Child Who Rejects One Parent Still Be Emancipated?

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A parent's financial obligation for children over the age of majority continues to confound. Eighteen-year-olds have a mind of their own, yet many remain financially dependent. Should a court grant a request for emancipation when a headstrong adult child rejects a payor-parent's influence, but remains dependent on the other parent?

Attorneys **Marie Lihotz** and **Olivia Mendler** discuss this difficult question in the *New Jersey Law Journal* article, "Should a Financially Dependent Child Who Rejects One Parent Still Be Emancipated?" Case history reveals the complexities of this decision based on relationships, dependencies, and equitable powers.

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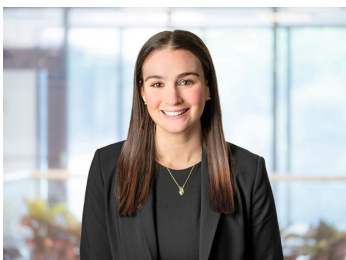


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