

## M.C. Sungaila in *The Recorder*: Prevailing in the Pandemic: Some Motherly Advice

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As an appellate lawyer, I write a lot. I write legal briefs to persuade judges to rule for my clients. I write articles analyzing cutting edge trends in the law, and contribute to and edit many legal treatises and books.

But during the COVID-19 shutdown, I published a different kind of book. A nonlegal book. A gift book.

It is the second volume of a two-volume set.

After I graduated law school and throughout my career, my mother sent me near-daily notes with inspiring quotes and words of encouragement. Many of these handwritten notes were written on stationery she created expressly for this purpose: “Mother’s Thought for the Day” was emblazoned across the top.

I kept many of these notes and culled through them to prepare two colorful gift books containing Mom’s best advice. The books’ messages focus on the essentials of a happy, successful and meaningful life, and they celebrate the mother-daughter relationship.

“Mother’s Thoughts for the Day: 25 Years of Wisdom” and “More Mother’s Thoughts for the Day,” are now carried by Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Walmart and booksellers in Australia, the U.K. and Germany. The second book was published last week, just in time for Mother’s Day.

The first worldwide pandemic in over a century highlights the need for the books’ motherly advice. As we begin to return to our workplaces but continue to social distance, it seems we could all use some warm hugs and encouragement from Mom.

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