

Givens Law Group News

Welcome to our November 2011 Newsletter

Questions Someone May Ask You About Divorce

What tools are available for a successful Florida Child Custody Agreement?

Nothing is more important than your children. When faced with a divorce or paternity lawsuit, often the most difficult issues involve the future parenting arrangement. It is easy to spend a tremendous amount of money and energy battling with the other parent over what is best for your children.

There are a number of different factors and strategies to consider when face with a child custody dispute. The first thing to do is to find what common ground there is between you and the other parent. Look for things that you can agree on. Who is the pediatrician going to be? What school are the children to attend? In what activities will they participate? Who, in addition to the parents, will be allowed to transport them? Often if you can agree on some of the small, less important issues, the tone will be set for agreement as to the other more contested issues such as what nights they will spend with each parent.

If there is little common ground and the communication between the parents has become heated, you may wish to involve a child custody evaluator. That is a person with a mental health background who is trained in interviewing children and parents and can identify potential problem issues between the parents which would be harmful to the children. Often in contested child custody cases, the court will order this type of evaluation.

If after seeing the results of a child custody evaluation the parents are unable to reach a parenting agreement, a parenting coordinator may be helpful. This person not only has a background in mental health, but is trained in working with separated parents in the many details of the day to day schedules of children.

A final step may be to involve a Florida child custody lawyer who is trained in the art of mediation. This person will assist the lawyers and the parents to try to reach an agreed upon arrangement that is in the best interests of the children and acceptable to the parents.

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Bottom line: Your Florida child custody attorney can help you successfully use the different tools available to reach a child custody agreement.

JOANNA CHAPMAN JOINS GIVENS LAW GROUP

Givens Law Group is pleased to announce the addition of Joanna Chapman, attorney at law to our firm. Joanna is a graduate of the University of Florida and South Texas College of Law. She comes to us from the State Attorney's office, Hillsborough County, Florida where she handled over 17 jury trials and countless non-jury trials and substantive motion hearings. Joanna will be practicing in all areas of Family Law including divorce, child custody and child support, alimony, modifications, enforcements, domestic violence injunctions and recovery of attorney's fees and costs.

The Family Law division of Givens Law Group now includes five attorneys, headed by Stann Givens, founder. We also offer legal services in the areas of Personal Injury, Sinkhole litigation and probate law.

THANKS!

We are all extremely grateful for the referrals we have received from former clients, fellow lawyers, mental health professionals and others in our community. There is nothing more professionally humbling than knowing that people are counting on us in their life-changing family law problems.

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