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CUSTODY QUESTIONNAIRE

_____ Name: _____

You have presented this firm with a domestic matter that may involve contested issues of custody and/or visitation. The following questionnaire is designed to assist us in evaluating the family situation as it relates to the future custody of your child(ren). Please answer each question as honestly and with as much specificity as you can. The purpose of these questions is not to pry, rather to obtain as much information as possible regarding your child(ren) and their needs. It will also help us to assist in understanding and dealing with each party's respective strengths and weaknesses as they relate to their parenting abilities and what the court might consider in arriving at a final custody determination. As with all other communications between you and this firm, anything provided by you in this questionnaire will be covered by the attorney-client privilege.

1. State the full name, age and birth date of each child whose custody you are concerned about.

2. What is the current custody situation of the above-named children?

3. State the full name of the children of either party, not from this marriage, who also live in the marital residence or with either of the parties.

4. How long has this custody situation existed? Give a brief history of the custody arrangement.

5. If you or the other parent has been out of the children's lives for an extended period of time, please explain the situation and efforts that have been made to become re-involved or more involved in the children's lives.

6. Do you have any concerns regarding physical abuse of the children? If so, please specify (include any abuse on your part as well, whether in the past or present).

7. Has a family violence petition or charge ever been filed by or against either yourself or the other parent? Please specify.

8. Has either parent ever been arrested? If so, please state the date of such arrest, the nature of the charge(s) or alleged violation(s), the county and state where such occurred, the court in which you or other party appeared to answer, plead, or otherwise respond to the charge(s), and the specific disposition of said arrest, including the charge(s) or violation(s) for which you or other party was actually convicted or to which you or other party actually plead, any special treatment received (e.g. – first offender), the sentence imposed by the court, the fine imposed, if any, the institution to which you or other party was sentenced, and the amount of time, if any, to be served on probation.

9. Has any child ever been removed from either parent's custody for any reason? If so, please give details.

10. Are there now, or have there ever been in the past, any concerns regarding parental kidnapping?

11. How cooperative have you been (and how cooperative are you willing to be) in regards to allowing the children interact or visit with their other parent? Do you have any present concerns regarding the other parent being involved in the children's lives? If so, please specify.

12. How cooperative has the other parent been in allowing you to interact or visit with the children? What reason have been given to you for any failure to cooperate? Why do you think the other parent is resisting your involvement in the children's lives?

13. Have there been any actions on the part of the other parent that would tend to destroy the parent-child relationship between yourself and the children, or otherwise alienate the children from you?

14. Have there been any actions on your part that would tend to destroy the parent-child relationship between the other parent and the children, or otherwise alienate them from the other parent? BE HONEST!

15. What are the positive parental attributes or characteristics of the other parent?

16. What are your positive parental attributes or characteristics?

17. Please specify any concerns you have regarding the other parent's character and lifestyle as it relates to, or affects the children.

18. Please detail any concerns the other parent has regarding your character and lifestyle as it relates to, or affects the children.

19. Please specify any mental illness or psychological condition that you have or had suffered from. Please specify any treatment received, date of treatment, and name and address of any treating mental professional, and any drug(s) prescribed.

20. Please specify any mental illness or psychological condition that the other parent has or had suffered from. Please specify any treatment received, date of treatment, and name and address of any treating mental professional, and any drug(s) prescribed.

21. Please specify any incidences of drug, alcohol, or other substance abuse problems experienced by you. If either parent has been treated for such problems, list date and place of treatment.

22. Please specify any incidences of drug, alcohol, or other substance abuse problems experienced by the other parent. If either parent has been treated for such problems, list date and place of treatment.

23. Please specify any physical health problems which you have which may affect your ability to parent.

24. Please specify any physical health problems which the other parent has which may affect his/her ability to parent.

25. Please specify any person the other parent would expose the children to who may have an arrest record, history of drug or alcohol abuse, mental illness, sexual abuse, or other characteristic that might be perceived as detrimental to the children, stating your specific concern.

26. Please specify any person that you would expose the children to who may have an arrest record, history of drug or alcohol abuse, mental illness, sexual abuse, or other characteristic that might be perceived as detrimental to the children.

27. Please list any support network of individuals upon whom you would rely to assist you with the children, if necessary, giving their name and relationship to you.

28. Please list any support network of individuals upon whom the other parent would rely to assist with the children, if necessary, giving their name and relationship to the other parent.

29. What is the religious affiliation of you and the other parent? How strongly are these beliefs followed by either parent? What are your desires in regard to the children's involvement in any religion? Any concerns with regard to religion and the children?

30. Please specify the activities and organizations in which the children presently participate and describe both your involvement and the other parent's involvement with these activities, if any.

31. Please specify the activities and organizations in which the children have participated in the previous two (2) years, if different from above, and describe both your involvement and the other parent's involvement with these activities, if any.

32. Please specify any concerns you have regarding the parenting skills of the other parent. Include lack of supervision, loss of control, controlling, immaturity, short temper, physical or mental abuse, spoiling the children, favors one child over another, etc.

33. Please specify any concerns you have regarding your own parenting skills.

34. Please list any concerns you have regarding the physical well-being of the children. Detail how either you or the other parent contributes to these concerns.

35. Please list any concerns you have regarding the emotional well-being of the children. Detail how either you or the other parent contributes to these concerns.

36. Please specify why custody with you is preferable to custody with the other parent.

37. Where do the children go to school? What grades are they in? How are they doing in school? Who are their current teachers?

38. In what activities do you and the children participate when in your custody?

39. In what activities do you and the children participate when in the other parent's custody?

40. Other than what you may have already reported, do the children show any other signs of problems? If so, what problems and what needs to be done, or has been done, to address these problems?

41. To the best of your knowledge, has there been any change in regard to your life or the other parent's life that may affect the emotional or physical well-being of the children?

42. Do the children have any special needs? If so, what are they? How are they being met or not met? How would the children being in your custody better address these special needs?

43. For the children who are old enough to express a preference regarding the parent with whom they would want to live, what is their custodial preference? How do you know this?

44. If your child attends daycare, please give the name, address and telephone number of the daycare provider, stating the name, days/hours that the children attend.

45. Please specify any other concerns or thoughts you would like to mention regarding the children's well-being or custody.

46. What is your desire regarding custody and visitation arrangements?

47. Why do you think the above-mentioned arrangement is in the best interests of the children?