


## **ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION**

Client

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Custody Worksheet**

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. It is important that

 answer each question fully.

It is imperative that you be candid!

You should answer all questions relevant to your case. If a question does not apply to your particular situation, please indicate by marking the question "N/A" If the answer to any question requires more space than has been provided on the form, please complete your answer on a separate sheet: Refer to the question number to which your answer applies, and attach your answer to this questionnaire.

Your responses to these questions will help to organize your case and will save you money on attorney's fees in trying to gather and assemble information after the case is in progress.

Since your answers are being made to an attorney, you are assured of confidentiality and are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

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**Pending Proceedings, Other Attorneys, and What Brought You to This Office:**

1. Are there any court proceedings pending on this matter? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If so, give name of court, name of judge, date of filing, court docket number, and \_\_\_\_\_ status \_\_\_\_\_ of case: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you consulted or retained any other attorneys on this matter before coming to this office? \_\_\_\_\_
4. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ and when: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you spouse or your ex-spouse have any other attorneys? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, who? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Who \_\_\_\_\_ referred \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ this office? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children:**

8. If you want primary custody of the children, please state in fifty words or less why you think you should have primary custody.

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9. With whom do the children currently live? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Period of time in which this living arrangement has been in effect: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Names and ages of children of the marriage:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Names and ages of other children outside of the marriage:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Names and addresses of schools children attend, dates attended, and name of teacher or principal there who is familiar with child:

Child's

name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dates

attended: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher

and/or

principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's

name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dates

attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher

and/or

principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's

name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dates

attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher

and/or

principal: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Care of Children:**

To the extent that both you and your spouse or your exBspouse have shared the responsibilities listed below, describe the degree to which the responsibilities have been shared:

14. Who helps the children get dressed in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Who bathes the children and grooms them? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are any of the children nursing? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Who takes care of the children during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Who arranges for getting children together with playmates? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. Who puts the children to bed at night? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Who prepares meals? \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. Who arranges for medical and dental care and takes the children to the doctor? \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. Who takes the children to school? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Who picks the children up from school? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Who shops for the children's clothes? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Who transports the children to extracurricular activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Do you or your spouse or your ex-spouse participate in recreational or educational activities with the children? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Describe the nature of the activities and how often you and your spouse or your ex-spouse participate in them:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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28. Do the children receive religious training? \_\_\_\_\_

29. If so, from whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Who arranges the children's birthday

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parties?\_\_\_\_\_

31. Who helps the children with their homework?\_\_\_\_\_

32. Who attends parent-teacher conferences?\_\_\_\_\_

33. Are the children more likely to turn to you or to your spouse or your ex-spouse when they have problems?\_\_\_\_\_

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34. Do you feel the children are closer to you or to your spouse or your ex-spouse?\_\_\_\_\_

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35. Are the children in day care or with a sitter?\_\_\_\_\_

36. If so, how many hours per week?\_\_\_\_\_

37. Give name, address, and telephone number of the day-care service or sitter:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

38. Who arranges for the day care or sitter?\_\_\_\_\_

39. Who cares for the children when they are ill?\_\_\_\_\_



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40. Who disciplines the children? \_\_\_\_\_

41. By what method? \_\_\_\_\_

42. Has the division of responsibility for child care changed over the years? \_\_\_\_\_

43. If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Available to Spend with the Children and Plans for Their Future Care:**

44. What are your working hours? \_\_\_\_\_

45. What time do you leave home? \_\_\_\_\_

46. When do your return? \_\_\_\_\_

47. Do you have flexible working

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hours? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Does your work require travel? \_\_\_\_\_

49. If so, describe the frequency, time involved, and distances: \_\_\_\_\_

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50. Is your work schedule likely to change in the future?

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51. What are your plans for child care? \_\_\_\_\_

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52. Describe your housing arrangements, including number of bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_

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53. What are your spouse's or your ex-spouse's working hours? \_\_\_\_\_

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54. What time does your spouse or your ex-spouse leave home? \_\_\_\_\_

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55. When does your spouse or your ex-spouse

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return?\_\_\_\_\_

56. Are your spouse's or your ex-spouse's working hours flexible?\_\_\_\_\_

57. Does your spouse or your ex-spouse's work require travel?\_\_\_\_\_

58. If so, describe the frequency, time involved, and distances:\_\_\_\_\_

59. Is your spouse's or your ex-spouse's work schedule likely to change in the future?\_\_\_\_\_

60. What are your spouse's or your ex-spouse's plans for child care?\_\_\_\_\_

61. Describe your spouse's or your ex-spouse's housing arrangements, including number of bedrooms:\_\_\_\_\_

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**Special Needs of the Children:**

62. Do the children have any special or unusual educational or health care needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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63. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ describe them: \_\_\_\_\_

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64. Who has worked to meet those needs? \_\_\_\_\_

65. Are you or your spouse or your ex-spouse better able to meet those needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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66. Has the children's academic performance changed in the last few years or months? \_\_\_\_\_

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67. If so, what is the reason for the

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change? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interference with Other Parent's Relationship with Children:**

68. Will it be alleged that you or your spouse or your ex-spouse has interfered with the children's relationship with the other parent or spoken badly about the other parent to the children? \_\_\_\_\_

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69. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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70. Will it be alleged that you or your spouse or your exBspouse has blocked the other parent's visitation with the children? \_\_\_\_\_

71. If so, explain, giving dates and frequency with which visitation was allegedly blocked: \_\_\_\_\_

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72. Will it be alleged that you or your spouse or your ex-spouse has discouraged

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the children from having a good relationship with a stepparent or a "significant person" in the other parent's life? \_\_\_\_\_

73. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cooperation between You and Your Spouse or ExSpouse:**

74. How well have you and your spouse or ex-spouse been able to cooperate on matters concerning the children and on matters concerning visitation or access to the children? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

75. To what extent do you and your spouse or ex-spouse share values regarding how the children should be raised, what type of education they should have, and what type of religious training they should have? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Frequency of Moves and Plans to Move:**

76. Have you or your spouse or your exBspouse moved in the last ten years? \_\_\_\_\_

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77. If so, when and where? (Include moves in the same city.) \_\_\_\_\_

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78. Do you or your spouse or your ex-spouse plan to move in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_

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79. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ and where? \_\_\_\_\_

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80. Does the parent who is not moving oppose the move? \_\_\_\_\_

81.

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children's Preferences**

82. Have the children told you with whom they want to live?

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83. If so, please answer these questions:

What is the basis for the preference? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

How strong is the preference? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the preference been held? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the preference changed? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you feel about the children's talking to the judge about their preferences? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children's Relationship with Other Family Members:**

84. How do the children get along with each other? \_\_\_\_\_

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85. How do the children get along with stepparents? \_\_\_\_\_

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86. How do the children get along with stepbrothers and stepsisters? \_\_\_\_\_

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87. Do the children have a particularly close relationship with either or both sets of grandparents? \_\_\_\_\_

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88. Do the children have a strong relationship with anyone else that you believe is important? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Goals:**

89. What are your future goals with the children and the reasons for your goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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90. To what extent do you believe that you and your spouse or ex-spouse should have joint custody (sometimes referred to as "shared parental responsibility"), under which you both would share equally in making major decisions affecting the children and/or being with the children for substantial periods of time? \_\_\_\_\_

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91. What are your spouse's or ex-spouse's goals with the children and the reasons for these goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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92. Have you and your spouse or exBspouse attempted to work out a settlement of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ case \_\_\_\_\_ between yourselves? \_\_\_\_\_

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93. What \_\_\_\_\_ progress \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ you made? \_\_\_\_\_

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94. What \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ your positions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Witnesses:**

95. Who do you think would make good witnesses for you, and what do you think the testimony would be? (Possible witnesses include neighbors, the children's teachers, friends, doctors, babyBsitters, dayBcare workers, clergy, and family members.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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96. Who do you think will be witnesses for your spouse or exBspouse, and what do you think will be the testimony of those persons?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home  
phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work  
phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**"Skeletons In the Closet" and Sensitive Topics:**

*If you have answered these questions in another questionnaire, you need not answer them again.*

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE OPEN AND HONEST IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ANY DISCUSSION RELATING TO ANY OF THESE TOPICS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. IF YOU FAIL TO BE HONEST IN ANSWERING

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THESE QUESTIONS, IT COULD BE ABSOLUTELY DISASTROUS TO YOUR CASE.

IF AN ANSWER TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW IS AYES,@ PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IN DETAIL.

Will anyone allege that you or your spouse or exBspouse has done any of the following:

	You	Your spouse or ex-spouse
1. Committed a crime?	_____	_____
2. Been arrested?	_____	_____
3. Been in jail or prison?	_____	_____
4. Used illegal drugs?	_____	_____
5. Been hospitalized for using illegal drugs?	_____	_____
6. Abused prescription drugs?	_____	_____
7. Been hospitalized for prescription drugs?	_____	_____
8. Abused alcohol?	_____	_____
9. Been hospitalized for abusing alcohol?	_____	_____
10. Been arrested for or convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol (drunk driving)?	_____	_____

You

Your  
spouse or  
ex-spouse



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- 11. Engaged in gambling activities (legal or illegal)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12. Engaged in other illegal activities? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 13. Attempted suicide? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 14. Been hospitalized for an emotional or psychiatric disorder? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 15. Suffered from or received treatment for an emotional or psychiatric condition? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 16. Abused own spouse? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 17. Been accused of child abuse? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 18. Had a sexual relationship during the marriage with someone other than own spouse? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 19. Had a sexual relationship (during or not during the marriage) with someone other than own spouse of which the children were aware? \_\_\_\_\_
- If so, describe the children's reaction to the relationship and the children's feelings about the person(s) involved in the relationship. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Had a homosexual/bisexual relationship? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 21. Engaged in unusual sexual practices? \_\_\_\_\_

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22. Had a pregnancy outside of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Had a sexually transmitted disease? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Drunk to excess? \_\_\_\_\_

If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ how often? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

25. Other? \_\_\_\_\_

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26. If you or your spouse or exBspouse has a relationship with a person whom the children see frequently and that person would answer "yes" to one or more of the preceding "skeletonBinBtheBcloset" questions, describe the situation:

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27. Do you or your spouse or exBspouse suffer from any physical disability that would interfere with being able to care for the children?

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28. Have you or your spouse or exBspouse made any photographs or audio or visual recordings \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ other party? \_\_\_\_\_

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29. If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ describe \_\_\_\_\_ the  
content: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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