

Child Custody Made Simple Understanding The Laws Of Child Custody And Child Support

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Navigate the complexities of child custody and child support with this simple, comprehensive guide. Gain a clear understanding of relevant child custody laws, how they impact custody arrangements, and ensure you're well-informed on your parental rights and obligations. This resource breaks down intricate family law concepts into easy-to-digest information for a smoother legal process.

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Discusses a variety of issues concerning child custody, including court structures, living arrangements, recommendations on avoiding court battles, and advice on working with lawyers.

Nolo's Essential Guide to Child Custody and Support

Custody and Support: Get the Answers You Need When you're getting divorced, you can make a tough time easier for yourself and your children if you work with the other parent to agree on a custody plan and child support. If you can't resolve these issues, you'll have to head to court and ask a judge to decide for you. Either way, Nolo's Essential Guide to Child Custody & Support can help. You'll learn: how negotiation and mediation can keep costs down and improve future dealings with your ex where to find your state's child support guidelines how judges make custody decisions how to enforce and change custody and support orders how court trials work how Covid-19 is affecting custody arrangements and family court hearings, and when you need a lawyer and how to work with one. You'll also find specifics about each state's laws, including what factors courts consider when they rule on custody arrangements and what happens when one parent wants to move away with the children.

Children Law: Essential Legal Terms Explained You Need to Know about Law on Children!

Hurry up and get YOUR copy NOW Mastering Essential Legal Terms Explained About LAW ON CHILDREN With a clear, concise, and engaging writing style, Dr. Peter Johnson will help you with a practical understanding of lawyer law topics about children's rights, responsibilities for child protection, care and education, children's duties; provide you a road map to navigating law on children rules and help you build a foundation for understanding the overall picture and much much more. This book delivers extensive coverage of every aspect of the law and details the duties a paralegal is expected to perform when working within law on children. High-level, comprehensive coverage is combined with cutting-edge developments and foundational concepts. As the author of the book, I promise this book will be an invaluable source of legal reference for professionals, international lawyers, law students,

business professionals and anyone else who want to improve their use of legal terminology, succinct clarification of legal terms and have a better understanding of law on lawyers. All legal terms and phrases are well written and explained clearly in plain English. Here is a preview of exactly what you will learn: Interpretation of Terms Non-Discrimination Against Children Responsibilities for Child Protection, Care and Education Exercise of children's rights Prohibited Acts Financial Sources for The Work of Child Protection, Care and Education International Cooperation On Child Protection, Care And Education Children's Duties Things Which Must Not Be Done By Children Supporting Activities For The Cause Of Child Protection, Care And Education Child-Support Funds Disadvantaged Children The Work Of Protection, Care And Education Of Disadvantaged Children State's Policies Towards Disadvantaged Children Forms Of Support For Disadvantaged Children Conditions For Setting Up Child-Support Establishments Operation Funding Of Establishments Supporting Disadvantaged Children Service Activities Of Child-Support Establishments Orphans Having No One To Rely On And Abandoned Children Defective Children, Disabled Children And Children Being Victims Of Toxic Chemicals Children Infected With HIV/AIDS Children Doing Heavy Or Dangerous Jobs Or Jobs In Exposure To Toxic Substances, Children Working Far From Their Families Sexually-Abused Children Children Addicted To Narcotics And Much Much More!..... Don't delay any more seconds, scroll back up, **DOWNLOAD** your copy **NOW** and start the journey of mastering essential legal terms explained about Law on Children **TODAY!** Tags: children law, law on children, children law books, child rights law, child law books, child custody law, child support laws, law books for lawyers, legal terminology and phrases, legal vocabulary, law vocabulary, legal words you should know, legal terms, legal dictionary, legal words, legal terms and meanings, legal language, common legal terms, legal terms used in court, dictionary of legal terms, legal phrases, legal documents, legal education, legal english dictionary, law dictionary, legal kindle books, law books for students, legal terms dictionary, legal documents, dictionary of law, legal english dictiona

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Child Custody

For too long, divorce and remarriage literature has focused only on the outcome in the personal lives of the divorcees during and after divorce. But now, in *Child Custody: Legal Decisions and Family Outcomes*, you'll see that divorce is a chain reaction that begins in the courtrooms and branches out into the families of the world, changing the lives of children, parents, and grandparents alike. *Child Custody* is an incisive, up-to-date collection of studies that addresses both child custody decisions and the varied and often surprising outcomes for those children and their families. Divided into two main sections, one focusing on legislative guidelines and the other on family issues, this unique compilation of recent divorce and remarriage research gives you a rare view of the attitudes some judges have toward divorce. In addition, those people in both law and family research fields will have at their disposal the many aspects of the legal decision-making process and the legislative guidelines that currently hold sway over custody and post-divorce cases. Here are some of the topics you'll read about: the evolution of three types of residential custody arrangements--father, mother, and joint--followed over a two-year period legal reforms aimed at guaranteeing parental access to children how social research has shaped New Hampshire's child support policy divorced fathers and mothers in Greece the stigmas on lesbian mothers in custody cases how grandparent involvement shapes post-divorce families Meant as a catalyst for further research and study, this book begins to touch upon the intrinsic flaws in both legal and family systems that continue to exist. Too often, we think of divorce and child custody as merely legal decisions. In *Child Custody*, however, you'll find that what matters in court is also a family matter.

A New Way to Win

... You can end your custody battle without giving in, giving up or going broke. [This work] contains insider tips that will show you how you can save thousands of dollars, improve your relationship with your kids, sleep better at night, and put the family law courts behind you. -- P.[4] of cover.

Real Dads Stand Up!

Every year thousands of parents like you go into custody and/or child support proceedings in family court. When they know what to do, they can get through it successfully. When they don't, the consequences can be brutal. You can maneuver the system. Yes, it is possible. This easy to read guide takes you through every step of the child support and child custody process. Whether you are a single father or mother you will benefit from this book. Book is great for lawyers too!

The Consequences of Divorce

This comprehensive volume brings to light little known implications of legal, economic, and custodial factors following a divorce. *The Consequences of Divorce* goes beyond the past decade's extensive focus on emotional and social adjustment outcomes to explore in-depth the post-divorce legal, economic, and custodial variables that impact the entire family. This important volume examines the economic conditions of both marriage partners after the divorce, the effect of legislative models on child support payment, child custody patterns and their impact on the family, and intervention strategies that take such custody problems into account. Teachers, counselors, researchers, and attorneys will be better prepared to offer support to family members after a divorce with the understanding of the economic and custodial conflicts that they will gain from this new book. The authoritative contributors examine statistics that show a marked decline in the economic well-being of women and children, which lead to questions of standards of adequacy for child support awards and an exploration of a new child support scheme from Australia. Different child custody arrangements are analyzed according to their consequences for each family member, providing valuable information for treating divorced families. Specific topics of interest include decreased parental involvement for fathers after a divorce, siblings separated by divorce, mothers without custody, and children's own viewpoints of custody arrangements. This informative book will lead to increased services to divorced families by expanding professionals' awareness of critical economic and legal issues that affect each member of the family.

Modern Child Custody Practice

This two volume treatise discusses client interview and evaluation, jurisdiction, visitation of non custodial parent, modification of custody and visitation orders, use of mental health experts, mediation, appeals, and more. Sample forms are included.

Child Custody and Support

"Understanding Child Support: A Guide for Divorcing Parents" is an essential resource for parents who are going through a divorce and have children. This book provides clear and concise information on child support guidelines, enforcing child support orders, and modifying child support orders. It also offers practical advice on how to work with attorneys and child support enforcement agencies to ensure that child support payments are fair and equitable. If you are a parent who is going through a divorce and have children, it is important to understand your legal rights and options when it comes to child support. This book will provide you with the knowledge and tools you need to navigate the legal system and protect your legal rights. It will also help you ensure that your children's needs are met and that child support payments are fair and equitable. Don't let the complexities of child support overwhelm you. With "Understanding Child Support: A Guide for Divorcing Parents," you can feel confident and empowered as you navigate this important aspect of the divorce process. Order your copy today and take the first step towards protecting your legal rights and ensuring that your children's needs are met.

Joint Custody and Shared Parenting

The book analyses the way the law understands the nature of the family and children in our society. Important aspects of New Zealand family law and policy are examined, in particular child custody law, economic provision for children and children's rights. The author is concerned to explore the unspoken values and politics of the law and problems emerging from the need to balance the rights of the family with the rights of children as individuals. Graeme Austin lectures in law at Victoria University and has published widely on New Zealand family law.

Children

Answer all your pressing divorce questions with The Divorce Survival Guide. Facing a divorce can be overwhelming, as you confront complex questions about everything from finances to child custody to your emotional well-being. The Divorce Survival Guide walks you through every step of the divorce process with straightforward tips, techniques, and checklists. It outlines your legal, parental, and financial rights, and details common scenarios that may arise in the legal proceedings so that you can make informed and thoughtful decisions. Most important, The Divorce Survival Guide helps you through the complex emotional work of divorce, with tips on handling stress, and techniques for protecting and communicating with your children. The Divorce Survival Guide will be your practical guide to the divorce process, with: An easy-to-follow guide to the initial divorce steps, including how to understand divorce laws and your legal rights Information on protecting your finances, such as how to divide your property fairly, protect your credit, and uncover hidden assets A helpful quiz to find out whether you should get an attorney, from the editors of The Divorce Survival Guide Essential information for understanding custody, child support, and how to give your child emotional security Practical techniques for reducing stress, understanding the emotional stages of divorce, and dealing with mutual relationships With The Divorce Survival Guide: The Roadmap for Everything from Divorce Finance to Child Custody, you'll have the invaluable tools you need to make the best financial, practical, and emotional choices throughout your divorce.

The Divorce Survival Guide

With the divorce rate above 50 percent and climbing, more and more parents are faced with difficult situations involving their children. This book is designed to let parents know their legal rights and to help them understand the court system. Most parents think that once a decree for support has been ordered, that all is over. However, often that is just the beginning. Getting the support that was mandated, in the amount that was stated, in the manner that was determined necessary and in the time indicated are often major issues that must be continually confronted for the good of the children. In addition to covering all of the basics, Your Right to Child Custody, Visitation and Support also examines current hot topics such as parental kidnapping, child support enforcement and when one of the parents is in

the armed forces. Easy-to-use, blank tear-out forms makes this new edition a must for every person who has children and has gone through or is contemplating a divorce.

Your Right to Child Custody, Visitation, and Support

GUIDE TO CUSTODY, SUPPORT, AND VISITATION RIGHTS IN NEW YORK Are you having trouble collecting child support? Do you want to get custody of your children? Do you want to seek child support but don't know how? The answers to your questions may lie in this book. Whether you are divorced, still married and can't afford a divorce right now or have never been married to the other parent of your children, this book will tell you how to get or modify custody or visitation of your children and how to ask for, defend against, modify and enforce child support. The book contains all the forms you need with easy to follow explanations and also helps guide you through New York's Family Court. The book contains extensive appendices that give you important information such as lists of supervised visitation programs, local bar associations, legal aid associations and family courts, charts to help you easily determine child support and resources to help you cope. This book explains in simple language: --getting custody or visitation in New York --understanding New York court procedure --modifying a custody, visitation, or support order --taking action in case of parental kidnapping or abuse --finding an attorney, even when you cannot afford one --working with an attorney --gathering, organizing and presenting evidence --testifying and calling witnesses --defending a child support case --understanding child support calculations in New York --finding and understanding New York law --filing a custody suit and presenting it in court --determining paternity --getting sole or joint custody --collecting and enforcing overdue child support --working with the judge and reaching settlements --coping with it all --dealing with interstate law if the other parent is out of state

Civil War

"It is almost always in your children's best interest to settle a case--with or without mediation--rather than to litigate in court," said Judge Stewart. His book fully, clearly, and concisely explains the process of court child custody litigation. It shows how custody decisions are made, what can be expected at each stage of the process, and how parents can insure that their abilities are clearly presented to persons with influence over the custody decision. It is intended to eliminate surprises that could lead to costly mistakes along the way. Parents who settle custody disputes out of court will not only save tens of thousands of dollars, but will have avoided the rancor and hostility of a custody trial that makes future cooperation in raising the children almost impossible. With help from a capable and experienced attorney, this book will allow the reader to present her/his case for custody in its best possible light. A must-read for divorcing parents, custody evaluators, family psychologists, and marriage and family therapists.

Child Custody, Visitation, and Support in New York

You never wanted to be in this position, but you are. Now, faced with the prospect of a custody dispute, you need to make smart choices. *Winning Custody* can help. this book-written by a woman who is an experienced psychotherapist, a mom, and a veteran of a bitter custody dispute-will help you find your way, maintain your sanity, and keep your kids from being caught in the custody cross fire. *Winning Custody* is geared specifically toward women seeking custody of their children. It offers advice on how to navigate the complicated legal maze of the custody process, giving step-by-step guidance on: -How to find a good-and affordable-lawyer -What to wear in court (it's more important than you might think) -How to effectively communicate with you ex -How to parent your child firmly, lovingly, and consistently throughout the crisis period -How to defuse your fears of losing your children -And how to love and believe in yourself during this most difficult time

The Child Custody Book

Millions of fathers are currently fighting for custody of their children. Many wonder if they will ever again be an important part of their children's lives. *Fathers' Rights* covers every aspect of the custody process, including protecting the parent/child relationship as a break-up occurs, determining when to settle and when to litigate and explanations concerning the court's determination of a fair level of child support. This new edition updates the ever-changing laws in this area and expands into additional topics of importance concerning paternity issues and fathers serving in the armed forces. Numerous court cases are used as examples to illustrate relevant situations. An extensive list of resources including agencies, organizations and websites is included as easy reference for the reader.

A Judge's Guide

With divorce rates on the rise, more and more parents are facing difficult custody situations involving their children. From parents having difficulty seeing their children on a regular basis, being denied visitation by the other parent, or not receiving enough or any monetary support, parents increasingly find themselves drawn into court to argue these issues. This book was written to inform parents of their legal rights and help them take their case through the system to protect themselves and their children. In easy-to-understand language, this book tells you: --How to get custody in Illinois --How to understand Illinois family court procedure --How to modify a custody, visitation, or support order --How to take in case of kidnapping or abuse --How to get sole or joint custody --How to terminated parental rights --How to calculate child support in Illinois --How to prove paternity

Louisiana Family Law Guide

The legal system requires mental health professionals to provide research summaries to support their evaluations in child custody cases. Contributions from leading developmental researchers, legal professionals, and clinicians describe how scientific evidence is properly used in court. Timely and current, this book helps evaluators access the best information to fulfill their obligations to their clients and the court. The Second Edition adds chapters on family observation, parental alienation, and sexual abuse. Forensic psychologists, family lawyers, and judges will be equipped with the most current information to aid in custody decisions.

Winning Custody

Questions about how children fare in divided families have become as perplexing and urgent as they are common. In this landmark work on custody arrangements, the developmental psychologist Eleanor Maccoby and the legal scholar Robert Mnookin consider these questions and their ramifications for society. The first book to examine the social and legal realities of how divorcing parents make arrangements for their children, *Dividing the Child* is based on a large, representative study of families from a wide range of socioeconomic levels. Maccoby and Mnookin followed a group of more than one thousand families for three years after the parents filed for divorce. Their findings show how different divorce agreements are reached, from uncontested dealings to formal judicial rulings, and how various custody arrangements fare as time passes and family circumstances change. Numerous examples of joint custody and father custody are considered in this account, along with the mother-custody families more commonly studied; and in most cases the point of view of both parents is presented. Among families in which children spend time in both parental households, the authors identify three different patterns of co-parenting: cooperative, conflicted, and disengaged. They find that although divorcing parents seldom engage in formal legal disputes, they are generally unable to cooperate effectively in raising their children. Full of interesting findings with far-reaching implications, this book will be invaluable to the lawyers, judges, social workers, and parents who, more and more often, must make wise and informed decisions concerning the welfare and care of children of divorce.

Fathers' Rights

Describes the legal setting of custody disputes and discusses how the rights and obligations of parents and children vary under different circumstances.

Child Custody, Visitation, and Support in Illinois

Help! is the first word a parent yells when dealing with a child custody battle. Author Guy White cuts through and captures the essence of how child custody cases are won and lost. Child Custody A to Z navigates you through the flawed system of justice. Evidence is the most overlooked aspect of a child custody case. This book explains and addresses: How to choose an attorney How to impeach court experts How to gather evidence How to expose a personality disorder How to investigate your case Child Custody A to Z is replete with case studies that tell the real story of the controversial game of child custody. There is no substitute for preparation. White reveals judges, attorneys and court experts for their bias and incompetence. The author takes you through the step-by-step formula for winning with evidence.

The Scientific Basis of Child Custody Decisions

Going through a divorce is always tough, but when a child with special needs is involved it can be especially challenging. This book takes a clear and comprehensive look at every aspect of the legal divorce process, and addresses all of the legal issues that divorcing parents of children with special needs face. The author guides parents through the initial hurdles of choosing the right lawyer for their case, and explains exactly how to work with them to achieve the best possible outcome for all concerned. From agreeing upon child custody arrangements that meet the particular needs of the child, to making provision for child support payments, gathering together the documentation needed to prove a case, and dealing with financial issues such as debts and property distribution, no aspect of divorce is left uncovered. A set of checklists is included to ensure that parents consider everything they need to, and the book concludes with a useful list of further resources. Written by an experienced family lawyer who went through her own divorce when her son, who has autism, was six, this book offers much-needed guidance to divorcing parents of children with a variety of special needs.

Dividing the Child

Child Support Guidelines, Second Edition is the only comprehensive guidebook for determining child support awards that takes practitioners step-by-step through the interpretation and application of the guidelines and their worksheets in both the normal and exceptional child support case. This unique publication thoroughly covers each state's version of one of the three basic models for determining child support: the percentage of income model, the income shares model, and the Melson formula. Important issues affecting calculations are clearly explained, including: Definition of "income" under the guidelines The impact of divided custody, shared custody, split custody, and extended visitation Second household expenses, other dependents, subsequent children, and stepchildren Impact of a private contract on the court's decision to apply the guideline amount Deviation from the guidelines for a high income parent Deviation from the guidelines to pay for medical expenses, private school, and child care expenses Imputed income Modification of prior awards And more.

Understanding Child Custody

Long recognized as the authoritative guide for clinicians working with divorcing families, this book presents crucial concepts, strategies, and intervention techniques. Robert E. Emery describes how to help parents navigate the emotional and legal hurdles of this painful family transition while protecting their children's well-being. The book is grounded in cutting-edge research on family relationships, parenting, and children's adjustment, including Emery's groundbreaking longitudinal study of the impact of divorce mediation versus litigation. It provides a detailed treatment manual for mediating custody and other disputes, developing collaborative parenting plans, and fostering positive postdivorce family relationships. New to This Edition *Reflects the latest psychological research, as well as divorce and custody law. *Chapters on understanding and addressing divorcing partners' anger and grief. *Treatment manual chapters have been extensively revised. *Incorporates the author's 12-year follow-up study.

Child Custody A to Z

Is it better to keep children out of family law conflicts about parenting, or to give them a say? This book integrates the issues with empirical data on the views and experiences of children and other participants in such disputes, suggesting ways that children can better be heard without placing them at the centre of conflicts.

Divorce and the Special Needs Child

Leaving your home to make a new one somewhere else can be daunting, confusing, and insurmountable... But, with the help of this book, you'll be navigating the legal system of your new home in no time. Within these pages, you will begin to untangle the mass web of legal processes. We'll cover what you need to know before adjusting to your new life, cover topics to help guide you in settling in and getting to work, the rights you'll have as a new citizen and the benefits that come with it, and so much more. It can all feel overwhelming, but I'm here to tell you that you're not alone. Now that you're here, you have the chance to experience everything that this country has to offer you. You'll be guided through the basic rights you'll have as a permanent resident. We'll cover how the court system works, criminal and civil case processes, worker's rights, consumer rights, and the responsibilities we all have as citizens of Canada or the United States. Every first you might need help with? I've got you covered. From buying or renting your first house to purchasing your first vehicle, building your new credit or growing your first business in your new home—I'll help summarize what's usually a detailed, complicated discussion. This book aims to provide useful information for those who might not be familiar with how the legal systems or cultures work in North America. While we don't cover the actual immigration process, you will start to understand more of how your new country of residence works and benefits you. I aim to explain the more complex concepts so that immigrants and new permanent residents of North American countries can understand. Becoming familiar with the applicable legal rules is vital since these are the guidelines and written word of the country you're living in. It's important to understand how to stay within the law and follow it to avoid any legal consequences that could harm us and our lives here. Whether you've just moved or aim to move here soon, I understand the need for guidance when it comes to understanding the laws, systems, and culture.

Child Support Guidelines

This multidisciplinary volume offers an essential, comprehensive study of perspectives on the scope and application of the best interests of the child and focuses mainly on its application in relation to child custody. With expert contributions from psychological, sociological and legal perspectives, it offers scientific analysis and debate on whether it should be the primary consideration in deciding child custody cases in cases of divorce or separation or whether it should be one of several primary considerations. It explores complex dilemmas inherent in shared parenting and whether the advantages it offers children are sufficient when compared to attributing custody to one parent and limiting visitation rights of the other. Offering a comprehensive analysis of this complex topic, chapters provide detailed insight into the current state of research in this area, as well as expert guidelines aimed at resolving the controversies when parents agree or disagree over their children's living arrangements. Cutting-edge topics explored include: transnational shared parenting; alternative dispute resolution; breastfeeding parents; religious disputes between parents and the psychological, social and economic factors that affect shared parenting. The Routledge International Handbook of Shared Parenting and Best Interest of the Child will be essential reading for scholars and graduate students in law, psychology, sociology and economics interested in shared parenting and family law.

Renegotiating Family Relationships

Written by a lawyer specializing in family law, this handbook explains Texas child custody laws in simple English and includes sample forms with instructions.

The Voice of a Child in Family Law Disputes

Understanding the many theories involved in family law is made easy with an effective question-and-answer approach. This quick study guide discusses the most basic yet commonly misunderstood concepts of the subject. This guide is perfect for practicing professionals requiring refresher courses and students who want to ace tests without spending too much time studying. Secure your copy today!

Law Made Simple

This open access book provides an overview of the ever-growing phenomenon of children in shared physical custody thereby providing legal, psychological, family sociological and demographical insights. It describes how, despite the long evolution of broken families, only the last decade has seen a radical shift in custody arrangements for children in divorced families and the gender revolution in parenting which is taking place. The chapters have a national or cross-national perspective and address topics like prevalence and types of shared physical custody, legal frames regulating custody arrangements,

stability and changes in arrangements across the life course of children, socio economic, psychological, social well-being of various family members involved in different custody arrangements. With the book being an interdisciplinary collaboration, it is interesting read for social scientists in demography, sociology, psychology, law and policy makers with an interest family studies and custody arrangements.

The Routledge International Handbook of Shared Parenting and Best Interest of the Child

Almost everyone is affected by divorce, child-rearing and support and by the changing structure of the family in our society. But how many understand the issues and problems involved around custody of children when families split up? What is fair and best for the child? In this compelling expose, the author of three previous books, journalist and lecturer Susan Crean, examines the controversial phenomenon of "father's rights" and mandatory joint custody. *In the Name of the Fathers* provides indisputable evidence that much that is claimed as just and equitable "in the name of the fathers" is in reality concerned more with power than with the welfare of the children involved.

Child Custody, Visitation, and Support in Texas

There are few areas of public policy in the Western world where there is as much turbulence as in family law. Often the disputes are seen in terms of an endless war between the genders. Reviewing developments over the last 30 years in North America, Europe and Australasia, Patrick Parkinson argues that, rather than just being about gender, the conflicts in family law derive from the breakdown of the model on which divorce reform was predicated in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Experience has shown that although marriage may be freely dissoluble, parenthood is not. Dealing with the most difficult issues in family law, this book charts a path for law reform that recognizes that the family endures despite the separation of parents, while allowing room for people to make a fresh start and prioritizing the safety of all concerned when making decisions about parenting after separation.

Family Law (Speedy Study Guides)

Most people don't have a law degree and don't practice divorce and custody law for a living. But a little knowledge of the process can be very helpful. I want to give you the benefit of my entire 16 years in practice as a divorce and custody lawyer. If you have a separation, divorce, custody, visitation or support case in Virginia, then this book is for you. Family law is confusing, and when the stakes are so high in divorces, custody and support situations it is natural for you to be anxious or scared. Even talking to an attorney about these things can be intimidating, but with a grasp of some of the fundamentals of the applicable law you can make your consultation with an attorney both more productive and less stressful. This easy-to-understand book breaks down some of the most basic, but crucial, information about family law matters in Virginia courts. Understand separation and divorce in Virginia, and learn about the process used by the courts to divide property and debts. If spousal support or alimony is an issue for you, gain insight on the various phases of spousal support and how each is determined. Formulate the best plan for getting the kind of child custody or visitation arrangement that you want. Be sure that the child support in your order is calculated correctly. Figure out how Virginia courts enforce their orders, so that you can determine how best to keep the other side honest. This is an invaluable reference tool for people facing a separation or divorce, or for people who are locked in a custody or visitation battle with their child's other parent. Be more informed, and make better decisions.

Shared Physical Custody

Preserving Family Ties was not written to give you a formula for action. Rather, this is a guidebook for understanding. It was written to give a clearer understanding of the complexity in child custody when parents separate. This book provides you the historical context for the changes you experience, and what you may fear. I have written this book to offer parents and professionals that context in which the new reality unfolds. It was written to help you understand that one can move forward best when they a) acknowledge your feelings as you endure so many life changes, often abrupt and unexpected; b) recognize the obstacles and options in the child custody and divorce process; and c) seek support from family, friends, community resources to affect the best transition for you and your children. There is no magic wand to solve problems that parents may encounter, real or imaginary. However, our imagination can play havoc with this journey of family transition. The future we prefer for our children, for each parent, for grandparents and other extended family members, can be far better than imagined.

Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution

