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The state courts are always trying to act in the best interest of a child, and in doing so will only allow grandparents visitation rights under certain situations. In situations where the parents remain together and both choose not to allow the grandparents visitation, the court will side with the parents believing it is in the best interest of the child. That being said, there are plenty of other conditions which may allow grandparents more rights.

For example, in the State of California, grandparents may pursue visitation rights with their grandchildren under any of the following circumstances (many of which may be applicable in other states):

- The parents are separated or divorced
- One parent has been incarcerated or involuntarily institutionalized
- One parent's whereabouts have been unknown for at least one month
- One parent sides with the grandparents in their request for visitation
- The child does not live with either parent
- The child has been adopted by a stepparent

Grandparents may ask for visitation rights for as long as these conditions exist. Once it has been established that one or more of the criteria for grandparents' rights have been met, the court will examine other factors to ascertain the best interest of the child. In order to do so, the court will look at the contact between the grandparents and grandchild to see if there exists an established relationship. If the child is 14 years old or older, in many states, the judge will also ask the opinion of the child. The court will also look at the child's health and safety, as well as any history of domestic abuse, or drug or alcohol abuse by any person seeking custody or visitation, including parents and grandparents.

If you are a grandparent seeking to effect "Grandparent Rights," your Syndicate Subscription Legal Plan is able to assist you with those efforts.

## ABOUT OUR MANAGING PARTNER

**Mr. Steven Mueller** is a Lawyer, Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner of **Syndicate Legal Services** ([www.SteveMuellerLegal.com](http://www.SteveMuellerLegal.com)). Mr. Mueller has more than twenty-five years of Law Office experience, including (but not limited to) 20 years of experience in Corporate & Investment Banking Law; 15 years of experience in Civil Litigation; 5 years of experience in person injury law, family law, and employment law; and 3 years of experience in Criminal Defense Law.

Mr. Mueller is a true pioneer in the Private and Public Capital Markets industry with more than twenty years of industry experience. Mr. Mueller has extensive experience in Alternative Trading Systems and Stock Exchange Legal & Compliance, structuring private and public securities offerings, and coordinating both public and private securities offerings through a syndicate network of FINRA Registered Broker Dealers, Investment Banks and Registered Investment Advisors. As of today, Mr. Mueller has participated approximate 200 IPOs and Rule 144A Equity Offerings, and nearly 2,500 capital markets transactions.

In addition, Mr. Mueller has completed the following courses: BA in Corporate Finance w/ Minor in Accounting (South Carolina); Law School (California Southern Law School); Three Years Law Office Study Program (LA Law, Beverly Hills); Paralegal & Advanced Paralegal Studies Certificates; FINRA series 6, 65 & 7; California Insurance (Property & Casualty, Life & Health, Commercial, Annuity, Earthquake, Flood & Long-Term Care); California Real Estate Sales; California Residential Mortgage; and California Bail Bonds. Mr. Mueller is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran (95-99, honorable discharge after completion of 4yr. tour of duty).



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