

Syndicate Legal Services – Child Custody / Child Visitation



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TYPES OF CUSTODY ORDERS

May vary state-to-state, but the general legal and physical custody orders nationwide fall into four classes.

LEGAL CUSTODY

Legal custody gives a parent the right to make long-term decisions about the raising of a child, and key aspects of the child's welfare -- including the child's education, medical care, dental care, and religious instruction.

JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY

In most child custody cases; joint legal custody is awarded to both parents based on the best interest of the child. However, if a parent is deemed unfit, is incapable of making decisions about the child's upbringing, has a history of drug abuse, domestic violence, child neglect, then a parent may not be awarded legal custody.

SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY

When a parent has sole legal custody of their child, they can make all decisions regarding issues such as schools, religion, medical care, housing, etc.

PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Physical custody is the primary residence where the child resides. The parent the lives with the child at the primary residence will be considered the custodial parent.

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TYPES OF VISITATION ORDERS

Visitation, also called "time-share," is how the parents will share time with their child, primarily in cases where a parent has the child for less than half the time. Visitation plans can follow a variety of guidelines, such as:

Scheduled visitation – parents and courts must devise a schedule detailing the specific dates and times the child will be with each parent, including holidays, special occasions (birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day), and vacations.

Reasonable (open) visitation – does not have to detail specific dates and times, and instead is openended for parents to communicate with each other (works best for parents who are flexible and on amicable terms).

Supervised visitation – for the child's safety, a third party will supervise the child's visitation with their parent (perhaps due to claims that the parent is abusive or if the child and parent need more time to get acquainted with each other).

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Process:

- 1. Client engages Syndicate Legal Services for the legal documents needed.
- 2. Because Syndicate Legal Services provides custom legal documents, a member of Syndicate Legal Services will contact the Client get the information needed to complete the required legal work product. This happens via telephone conference or by video conference.
- 3. Syndicate Legal Services' team members will complete the First Draft of the Custom Legal Documents and send them electronically to the Client for review.
- 4. Client will review the First Draft and request any changes, edits or corrections. Syndicate Legal Services will continue to make corrections, changes and edits to the Legal Documents until the Client approves a Final Draft.
- 5. Once the Client is satisfied with the Legal Documents, Syndicate Legal Services will deliver a Final Draft to the Client along with a "Syndicate Legal Services Certificate of Completion."
- 6. All first drafts are delivered to the Client within 1-3 business days, with the average timeline being within one business day.

Syndicate Legal Services will send Client copies of all completed work, documents and correspondences, as well as other information throughout this Engagement. These copies will be the "Client File" copies. Syndicate Legal Services will also keep the information in the Syndicate Legal Services Corporate Office. The file in the Syndicate Legal Services Corporate Office will be "Our File". Please have the "Client File" available during all of our in-person meetings / video conferences / telephone conferences so that we all have the necessary information available to us. Once Syndicate Legal Services has completed the Legal Support Services detailed in this Engagement Agreement, Syndicate Legal Services will close "Our File" and return any original documents to Client (if any). Syndicate Legal Services will then store the "Our File" for approximately six (6) years. Syndicate Legal Services will destroy the "Our File" after that period-of-time unless Client instructs Syndicate Legal Services in writing to keep the file longer.

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