

Attorney – Client Privilege

Client:

Date:

Child Custody Questions

- 1. Names ages birthdates of the children.
- 2. Are you employed?
- 3. By whom how long job description?
- 4. What time do you leave to go to work in the morning?
- 5. What time do you usually leave to come home in the evening?
- 6. How does your leaving work in the morning coordinate with the children leaving to go to school in the morning?
- 7. How would you handle the children going to school in the morning in the event the Court grants you custody?
- 8. How is it handled at the present time?
- 9. Do you have flexibility with your employment in the event the children become ill or for another reason you have to be home with them for a day or two?
- 10. Who prepares the meals for the children in the home?
- 11. How many meals a day do they have in the home?
- 12. What kind of meals do the children have for breakfast?
- 13. Who prepares breakfast?

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- 14. Who prepares lunch?
- 15. Who prepares dinner?
- 16. What kind of meals do you have for lunch and dinner?
- 17. Do you try to provide the children with balanced meals and are you aware of the nutritional value of foods?
- 18. What time do you generally have dinner?
- 19. Did your spouse usually come home for dinner?
- 20. Did you usually have dinner together?
- 21. What kind of dinners are generally served in the home?
- 22. Describe conversations, if any, you have as you eat.
- 23. Do the children like foods that you prepare?
- 24. What are the children's favorite foods?
- 25. Who does the shopping for food?
- 26. Where do you shop? Do the children go with you when you shop?
- 27. Do you eat out with the children?
- 28. Describe the children's manners, table and otherwise.
- 29. Describe the children's cleanliness and how you would tend to their hygiene.
- 30. Do they have separate bedrooms? Describe their bedrooms.
- 31. Do the children have chores and responsibilities about the house? What are they?
- 32. How and why did you select these particular chores?
- 33. Are the children responsible for their rooms and clothes?
- 34. Has your souse ever complained to you about the children?

- 35. Does your spouse allow the children to have friends over to spend the night?
- 36. Who is the children's doctor or pediatrician?
- 37. Where is his/her office located?
- 38. Who takes the children to the doctor?
- 39. Do you know the doctor?
- 40. Estimate how many times you've been to the doctor's office with the children.
- 41. Has your spouse been to the doctor's office?
- 42. Do the children have any special medical or dental health problems?
- 43. Do the children go for regular medical and dental checkups?
- 44. Who takes them?
- 45. How often?
- 46. Do the children have any prescriptions that they're taking at this time?
- 47. Have they taken prescription drugs over the past several years?
- 48. Who gives the children the medicine when they need it?
- 49. During the past several years have any of the children been ill enough that they've had to stay home for several days?
- 50. Who would stay with the children during this period of time?
- 51. Did that create any problem with your employment or with your spouse's employment?
- 52. Who purchases the clothing for the children?
- 53. Where do you purchase the clothes?

- 54. Do you shop with the children?
- 55. How do you select clothes for the children?
- 56. Specify the clothes sizes that each child wears.
- 57. Does your spouse know the children's clothing sizes?
- 58. Do the children have any particular likes or dislikes regarding their clothing?
- 59. Do you see that the children brush their teeth regularly?
- 60. Who does the laundry, mending or sewing?
- 61. What school do the children attend?
- 62. What grade are they in?
- 63. Have you visited the school?
- 64. Have you engaged in activities at the school (PTA or volunteer)? How often do you do this?
- 65. Have you met with the teachers? How often?
- 66. Are the children having problems in school?
- 67. How are their grades?
- 68. Do they like school?
- 69. How do they get along with their classmates?
- 70. Do they like their teachers?
- 71. Do the children have homework?
- 72. Does a child ever ask you or your spouse to come help with homework?
- 73. Do you help the child with homework?
- 74. In reference to other intellectual activities, do you or your spouse read to the children in the home, take them to museums, theaters, plays, etc.?
- 75. Do the children have music lessons?

- 76. What is your position concerning television viewing by the children?
- 77. How do you deal with discipline with the children?
- 78. What is your involvement with the children's religious activities?
- 79. Do the children have birthday parties?
- 80. Who sets them up?
- 81. Describe the last birthday party.
- 82. Do you have any particular kinds of talents that enable you to be a good parent?
- 83. Describe a typical weekday that you would have with your children from the time the first person in the household gets up until the end of the day when the last person goes to sleep.
- 84. Describe in detail a typical weekend, a Saturday or Sunday, from the time the first person wakes up until the last person goes to sleep.
- 85. Describe the children's relationship with their father/mother.
- 86. What kind of relationship do you have with the children?
- 87. Why do you believe that the children would be better off in your custody than in the custody of your spouse?
- 88. If you were awarded custody of the children, would you encourage a strong relationship between them and their father/mother?

O Circle those you handle almost always — Put a line through those your spouse handles

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Doctor, dentist visits

Yearly physicals

Purchase clothing

Allowances

Discipline

Help with homework

Have friends over for the night

Teach responsibility with household jobs

Chauffeur

Plan and carry out birthday parties

Monitor grades

Calls to teachers and principals

Attendance at plays and concerts

Teacher/parent conferences

Haircuts

Cooking and teaching cooking

Monitor friends

Wash, sort and iron clothes

Read to children

Maintain relationships with relatives

Encourage music, dance lessons, etc.

Attendance at sporting events and other extracurricular activities

Monitor TV viewing

Referee fights between siblings

Religious training, church activities

Cleaning and general housekeeping tasks