



## 5 Biggest Child Custody Mistakes

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- 1.** A big mistake often made by individuals involved in custody matters is to put their personal animosity towards the other parent above the best interests of their child. Quite frankly, the Court cares very little about the reasons that caused the parents to separate. However, the court absolutely cares about whether the parents are putting the child's best interests first.
- 2.** There are certainly circumstances that warrant preventing a parent from having unsupervised visitation with a child prior to the issuance of a court order. However, these circumstances are limited to instances in which there are real and immediate threats to the child such as physical abuse and unsanitary living conditions. The Courts do not look favorably upon the parent that excludes the other completely from their child's life.
- 3.** Many judges are extremely hesitant to move a child out of the current school district. They do not believe the child's best interests are served by removing the child from a familiar environment and from their friends. Certainly, there are practical matters that may force you to move out of the school district. However, you are possibly putting yourself at an immediate disadvantage by doing so.
- 4.** Custody can become a very nasty and a hate-filled process. However, it is important that you cooperate with the other parent regarding your child's well-being. You should discuss important school events, make sure you send your child to the other parent with clothes and toys, and discuss your child's extracurricular activities. Not only does the Court get extremely frustrated with uncooperative parents but the child also suffers.
- 5.** Often times a parent will be very good about being cooperative with the other parent regarding their child's interests in the beginning. However, once the other parent starts becoming difficult they fall down to their level and become just as petty. No one benefits from taking this approach, especially you the parent. The better course of action is to maintain the high road and be the bigger person.

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