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Definition of Joint Legal Custody

In consenting to joint legal custody, the parties agree that:

1. Each parent will foster, encourage, and support the relationship between the child and the other parent.
2. Each parent will be entitled to have complete access to the child's medical, psychological, and school records. Both parties agree to cooperate in all of the children's educational needs, and they further agree to see that all homework and special projects are considered with regular time periods *set aside* so that they can be successfully accomplished. When special activities come up such as school plays, open house or graduation, the custodial parent will extend the courtesy of notifying the other parent.
3. Each parent will advise the other promptly of any illness, emergency or other significant event concerning the child including school or health problems, if any, of which the parent becomes aware.
4. The parties will consult together concerning major decisions involving the health, education and welfare of the child.
5. The parties will use their best efforts to work together to ensure the consistency and agreement in matters affecting the upbringing of the child and work together to promote the best interests of the child.
6. The parties will communicate respectfully and courteously with each other about the children. In the event that they encounter disagreement related to the children, the disagreement will be discussed outside the presence of the children.
7. The parties will conduct themselves at all times with the best interests of the children first and foremost in their consideration, and shall communicate with one another on a regular basis to enhance the and foster the children's best interests.
8. Each party shall have full rights to receive or authorize the release of any information regarding the child from the child's school, mental or physical health care providers or any other sources.