

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN...

CONSERVATORSHIP

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SECTION 153

Joint Managing Conservatorship (JMC)

Option:
Neither parent designated primary
conservator (*by agreement only)

Sole Managing Conservatorship (SMC) / Possessory Conservator

- Who has the right to designate the primary residence of the child?
- If neither parent is primary, will there be a geographic restriction?
- Which rights and duties will be independent, exclusive and/or by agreement?
- Who has the right to receive child support?
- Can I move or change my child's school?
- My child is 12 now. Can she choose where she wants to live?

POSSESSION & ACCESS

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Standard Possession
(1st, 3rd, 5th weekends + Thursday
except during summer)

Expanded Standard
(1st, 3rd, 5th weekends +
Thursday overnights
except during summer)

50/50 Schedules

Under Three

Supervised

- When will I have possession of my child(ren)?
- What type of possession schedule might the court order?
- Do we have to abide by the possession schedule if we both agree to do something else?
- Which holidays will I get to spend with my child(ren)?
- When will I have my child(ren) during the summer?
- When and where do we drop off and pick up?

CHILD SUPPORT

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CS Guidelines
based on monthly net
resources of Obligor:

1 child	20%
2 children	25%
3 children	30%
4 children	35%
5 children	40%
6+	not less than amt for 5 children

- How much will I receive in child support?
- How much child support will I be ordered to pay the other parent?
- Who will pay the cost for the child's medical & dental insurance premiums?
- Who pays for uninsured health care expenses?
- Does child support have to be withheld from my pay check?
- When can I stop paying child support?