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“BEST INTEREST” CUSTODY FACTORS

The following is list of factors the court may in consider in determining the best interest of the child. Please provide responses that you feel we should know about. Use N/A if a factor is Not Applicable.

Mom’s current visitation schedule, Days of week: _____

Dad’s current visitation schedule, Days of week: _____

Other visitation instructions: _____

Mom’s monthly child(ren) support amount: _____

Dad’s monthly child(ren) support amount: _____

Does the child(ren) have a preference for which parent to live with? Explain.

Is one parent more likely to allow the child(ren) to have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with the other parent? Explain.

Is either parent combative, non-cooperative, uses foul language around the child(ren), or sends inappropriate texts or emails? Explain.

Do both parents communicate and help in regards to the needs of a child(ren), such as providing food for a necessary diet, being aware of the child(ren)'s doctor visits, keeping the other parent informed of school activities, or sporting events? Explain.

Do either parents have mental or physical impairments which would prevent them from being able to properly care for a child(ren)? Explain.

Why is either parent the better parent when it comes to helping the physical, developmental and emotional needs of the child(ren)? Explain.

Does either parent have a better relationship with the child(ren)? Explain.

Would a custody schedule effect the ability of the child(ren) to maintain a relationship with any siblings? Explain.

Would either parent's work schedule make a joint custody schedule difficult? Explain.

Is there any history of a parent abusing or neglecting the child(ren)? Explain.

Has either parent engaged in an act of domestic violence against the child(ren) a parent of the child(ren) or any other person residing with the child(ren)? Explain.

Has either parent committed any act of abduction against the child(ren)? Explain.

Please provide any further details on factors, or incidents you feel are relevant to custody of the child(ren).
