

There are two sides to every family law story...



Holiday Parenting Time

Joyce filed for divorce last week. There are no orders from the court yet about parenting time. Dan and Joyce do not agree on how to share time with the children for the holidays.

Now what?

Andi's advice to Mom:

Mom wants the children to spend both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with her and her family as they have done in the past. Mom needs to talk to Dad about how the children enjoy spending time with their cousins and extended family. She should explain that following tradition at a time when life is changing drastically may help the children cope during the holidays.



Andi Mengedoth



Andi Lawrence

Andi's advice to Dad:

Dad needs to be open to having a meaningful discussion with Mom about what is best for the children. He will explain to Mom that despite their previous traditions, it is just as important for the children to spend time with Dad on the holidays as the family moves through this process.

Here's what...

If Joyce and Dan cannot work out an arrangement to accommodate, at least in part, both parents' feelings, one will need to file a motion with the court. Unfortunately, the court often experiences a back log of cases during the holidays. Joyce and Dan may not get an affirmative answer from the court before Christmas. They may want to consider resolving their dispute through private mediation. There are many well qualified mediators in the community that can assist the parents in coming up with a creative, workable solution that addresses both parents' concerns and ensures the children enjoy their holidays.

Andi and Andi always support resolution of family issues through open dialogue and amicable settlement.

If you have a family law question that you would like answered, email us at AndivsAndi@HallierLaw.com.



HALLIER ■ MENGEDOTH ■ LAWRENCE