

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



Parenting Coordinator Problems

Brian and Karen have a parenting coordinator that was appointed by the court to help them resolve disputes about the children going forward. Karen hasn't paid her share of the parenting coordinator's fees. She says she can't afford it because Brian is behind in his support payments.

Now what?

Andi's advice to Mom:

Even though Brian may be behind on his payments, Karen has an obligation to keep her payments current with the Parenting Coordinator or risk sanction by the court. Karen may want to bring the appropriate motion to the court regarding the lack of payment of child support. In the meantime, she should attempt to borrow or make payment arrangements with the parenting coordinator.



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Andi's advice to Dad:

First and foremost Brian needs to understand that his obligation to pay support is his primary financial responsibility from the court's perspective. If Brian truly is behind he needs to find a way to bring the payments current, and soon. That being said, the court appoints a parenting coordinator because the court wants to make sure that decisions are made, with as little conflict as possible, as that is best for the children. These fees are also a very high priority financial obligation. If the parenting coordinator is refusing to meet with the family due to lack of payment, Brian will want to consider bringing the issue to the court. If there is an urgent issue that requires the parenting coordinator's involvement, he may want to advance Karen's portion (if possible) to facilitate the process and then seek reimbursement.

Here's what...

If either party brings this lack of financial responsibility to the court's attention, the court will be disappointed in both parties. Each has a responsibility to their children and currently, neither is meeting that responsibility. The court will likely order a payment schedule for both parties and may enter additional monetary sanctions against both for their failures. Both parents need to highly prioritize these child related expenses.

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

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