

GOOD PARENT TESTIMONY

This form is for you to print and distribute copies to your family and friends to fill out according to their experience observing you and your children together. The people you give this form to will be the people you will call as witnesses for you in a custody battle. Naturally, they will be people who will tell the court you are the appropriate person to have custody. This form serves many purposes. First, because this form contains the actual questions I will ask your witness in court, the apprehension level should be greatly reduced for the witness. As you can see from this form, this type of testimony should not be difficult or stressful for your witness. Second, the answers written - and given back to me for my file - will allow me to know the answers to their questions. Just print however many copies you need of this form, give them to your witness for completion, and then get them to your lawyer. This form is not necessary until later in your divorce case and it is not necessary to bring to the initial consultation.

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WITNESS: _____

1. General:

- (a) Name:
- (b) Age:
- (c) Address:
- (d) Where employed?
Job/How long?
- (e) Married?
- (f) Children?

2. Know Plaintiff and/or Defendant?

- (a) How long?
- (b) How met (1st time)?
- (c) Relationship since then?
- (d) How regular in contact?

Social friends?

Visit in each other's homes?

Involve children in activities?

How so?

3. Had opportunity to observe Plaintiff/Defendant with children?

- (a) How often/where?

(b) What have you observed about the relationship between the Plaintiff/Defendant and the Children?
(loving, affectionate, caring, attentive, etc.)

(c) Show children love and affection?

Do they respond to it?

Children seem happy when with the Plaintiff/

Defendant?

4. Have you had an opportunity to see (present spouse) with the children?

(a) On what occasion?

(b) What have you observed?

(c) Does he/she show love and affection to kids?

How do they respond to that love and affection?

(d) Have you ever seen anything that he/she did which you felt was unkind or abusive to the children?

5. Based on your contact with the Plaintiff/Defendant and the children, are the children being properly cared for in his or her custody?

(a) Is there any concern you have about his or her ability to care for these children on a day-to-day basis?

Or to be fit and proper for an award of custody?

(b) Do you have children?

Would you have any qualms about leaving your own children in the care of the Plaintiff/Defendant for an extended period of time?