

# Maryland Child Custody Lawyers

When both parents seek primary custody of children after divorce or separation, a mutually agreeable resolution may seem out of reach. However, JGL child custody lawyers will help you achieve just that – a satisfactory child custody agreement – in or out of court.

We bring a nuanced understanding of the interplay between child custody and child support. We have successfully navigated thousands of individuals and families through stressful and challenging child custody matters.

## Types of Child Custody Available in Maryland

Our Maryland child custody lawyers advise on all aspects of custody law and dispute resolution, including:

- Joint custody
- Primary and secondary custody
- Visitation by a non-custodial parent
- Joint legal custody
- Joint physical custody
- Sole legal custody
- Sole physical custody
- Child custody modifications

Furthermore, our child custody attorneys are particularly knowledgeable when it comes to custody disputes involving children with special needs, behavioral and executive functioning challenges.

## Establishing Child Custody Arrangements

In child custody matters, the most important factor is what is in the best interest of the children. If you and your spouse cannot agree on custody matters, there is a process that will take many factors into consideration which can include income, time available to spend time with the Children, past parental involvement to name a few.

## Changing a Custody Arrangement

Sometimes an existing custody arrangement is no longer working. You can modify a custody agreement by mutual consent with the approval of the court. You need someone experienced in custody modifications. If you cannot agree, a post-decree motion must be made to the court and hearings will be necessary. A JGL Custody attorney can guide you through the complex and very important process. Sometimes it is necessary to call in other parties to assist in custody modifications. Judges often appoint an attorney to represent the needs of the children.

Under different circumstances when one of the parents has to relocate out of the jurisdiction of the court, permission must be granted by the court for that parent to relocate, and new and often very different custody orders will go into effect.

## **Violations of Custody Arrangements**

People do not always adhere to custody arrangements. When a violation is made, your attorney can file for enforcement of the custody order, and may under certain circumstances modify the existing order.

## **Types of Child Custody Lawyers**

Almost any family lawyer can manage original custody orders in the process of the divorce. After the divorce, should you need the services of a custody attorney, you may rehire your divorce attorney or seek counsel elsewhere. Since custody is so important to the children, you will want to locate an attorney with significant experience in custody modifications.

Oftentimes, the judge may appoint various additional attorneys for this matter, such as a child privilege attorney, a best interest attorney, or a child advocate

### **Child Privilege Attorney**

Sometimes, a "child privilege attorney" is appointed who decides whether a child's confidential or privileged information can be used in court.

### **Best Interest Attorney**

A Best Interest Attorney advocates for the child's best interests.

### **Child Advocate**

The child advocate attorney promotes and argues for the child's wishes.

## **Work with a Maryland Child Custody Attorney**

What matters to you, matters to us. For over five decades JGL attorneys have fought to improve the future of families, the arc of careers, the success of business, and your most basic human rights. The attorneys of JGL take your business, family, and personal issues as personally as you do. We relentlessly pursue the outcomes you desire. If you need guidance from a Maryland alimony attorney, contact JGL.