

Ascent Law Expands Child Custody Guidance for West Jordan Families

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Ascent Law has broadened its guidance on child custody, parent-time, and parenting plan matters for families throughout West Jordan and neighboring communities. The firm reports that the expanded focus responds to recurring questions parents raise when establishing custody arrangements for the first time or seeking to modify existing orders as family circumstances change.

The updated guidance addresses the distinctions between legal custody, which concerns decision-making authority over matters such as education and healthcare, and physical custody, which governs where a child primarily resides. Many parents working with the firm seek clarity on how these arrangements intersect with parent-time schedules and child support calculations under Utah court standards.

Ascent Law notes that custody questions often extend beyond the initial order. Changes in income, relocation across the Wasatch Front, or evolving needs of growing children frequently prompt requests to modify parent-time and parenting plans. The firm assists parents in both establishing and adjusting these

arrangements, with an emphasis on plans that reflect the specific circumstances of each household and the best interests of the children involved.

Cameron Quinn, a spokesperson for the firm, said the expanded focus reflects what parents encounter most often. "Parents frequently come in uncertain about the difference between legal and physical custody, and how parent-time actually works day to day," Quinn said. "Much of the work involves helping them understand the process so they can make informed decisions during a stressful period."

The guidance also covers situations where custody disputes arise outside of a traditional divorce, including arrangements between unmarried parents and matters involving step-parent adoption. In each case, the firm reports that documentation of decision-making authority, residential schedules, and holiday and school-break arrangements helps reduce future conflict.

Quinn added that enforcement of existing orders remains a common concern. "When one parent does not follow an established parent-time schedule, the other parent often wants to know what options exist," Quinn said. "Understanding how Utah courts approach enforcement and modification gives families a clearer path forward."

The firm emphasizes education throughout the custody process, including how courts weigh the best interests of the child, how child support figures are determined, and how parenting plans can be structured to accommodate work schedules and the needs of children at different ages. Ascent Law West Jordan Utah serves families in Copperton, Kearns, Salt Lake City, South Jordan, Taylorsville, and surrounding areas within Salt Lake County.

The expanded custody guidance builds on the firm's broader family law practice, which includes divorce, separation, asset division, and alimony matters. Parents facing custody questions are among the groups the firm aims to assist with practical information about court processes in Utah.

Ascent Law is a full-service law firm based in West Jordan, Utah. In addition to family law and child custody, the firm provides legal services in estate planning, business law, real estate law, bankruptcy, personal injury, and criminal defense. Its attorneys serve individuals and families throughout the Wasatch Front and Salt Lake County, offering guidance tailored to the needs of each client.

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