Utah Holiday Parent Time 2025: Long Okura Publishes Updated Guide to Utah Code 81-9-302

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Long Okura, Attorneys at Law, has released an updated 2025 guide to Utah Holiday Parent Time on its website, helping Utah parents, attorneys, and professionals navigate the new Title 81 parent-time statutes and the standard holiday schedule for children ages 5?18. The article, titled ?Utah Holiday Parent Time Schedule (2025) | New Code 81-9-302,? was updated in December 2025 and is authored by attorney Rebecca Long Okura.

The updated guide is available at https://longokura.com/new-holiday-standard-minimum-parent-time-in-utah/

Following Utah?s 2024 ?Great Renumbering,? the Legislature moved most family law statutes from Title 30 to the new Title 81, including the core parent-time provisions. What used to be Utah Code 30-3-35 (standard minimum schedule for children ages 5?18) is now found at Utah Code 81-9-302, while schedules for children under five and the optional ?expanded? schedule have been renumbered to 81-9-304 and 81-9-303, respectively.

Long Okura?s 2025 update gives parents a clear ?cheat sheet? mapping the old statute numbers to the new

ones and explains how the changes affect real-world holiday and school-break schedules.

?Many online references for Utah Parent time still refernce 30-3-35, while the law has moved to Title 81,?said attorney Rebecca Long Okura, author of the article. ?We wanted a current, practical guide for 2025 that shows exactly how the Utah Holiday Parent Time schedule works now, and higlights changes to the law.?

The refreshed 2025 guide breaks down the standard minimum parent-time schedule under Utah Code 81-9-302 in accessible language, including: the standard holiday rotation for 2025 and beyond and how Winter Break and Christmas/New Year?s are divided.

Key 2025 updates parents should know include highlights that Juneteenth is now permanently codified in the holiday schedule, with special rules when it bumps up against Father?s Day The guide clarifies how holidays like Fall Break (still often called ?UEA weekend?), Halloween, and school-free days contiguous to a holiday affect the parent-time period.

The article also explains the five-tier ?order of precedence? built into Utah Code 81-9-302(6)?a hierarchy that resolves conflicts when birthday time, holidays, summer weeks, and regular weekends collide:

Recognizing that many disputes arise when one parent does not follow the schedule, the updated guide includes a section on enforcing parent-time orders, emphasizing that parent-time schedules are court orders, not suggestions. Ordinary holiday/visitation disputes are usually treated as civil issues, not police matters, unless there is an immediate safety concern. Parents are walked through practical steps, including reviewing the exact court order, documenting missed or refused time, attempting reasonable written communication and using a Motion to Enforce Order (sometimes called a Motion to Enforce Domestic Order) or Utah?s Expedited Parent-Time Enforcement Program when necessary.

The article closes with reminders that the guide is general information, not legal advice, and encourages readers to speak with an attorney about their specific circumstances.

The updated Utah Holiday Parent Time article is part of a broader collection of blog resources Long Okura publishes to keep clients and the community informed about changes in Utah law and how they impact everyday family life.

?Holiday parent-time is already emotional. Add shifting statute numbers and complex rotation rules, and it can feel overwhelming for parents,? the firm noted. ?Our goal is to offer a reliable, up-to-date reference they can actually use at the kitchen table while planning the year.?

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