

Child Custody

While separated or unmarried parents often initially prefer to leave custodial arrangements regarding their children to informal agreements, circumstances can arise making it imperative for a court to formalize such arrangements. Whether the other parent has stopped honoring the informal agreement or is threatening to move away with your child, you need to be represented by an experienced custody attorney who can fight for your parental rights. **Types of Custody**

There are many types of custody

, and courts will grant the form of custody it deems to be in the best interest of the child. Usually, courts prefer to grant joint legal custody

, where both parents are supposed to make major decisions regarding the child's health care, education, religion, and general well-being together. Under modified joint legal custody

, the parents must do the same, but one has final say in the event of a disagreement. If the parents have a contentious relationship or other factors are present, the court may grant sole legal custody

to one parent who is solely authorized to make these decisions. Courts, likewise usually prefer to grant one parent residential custody

, meaning the child spends the majority of time with one parent. Otherwise, it may grant shared custody

, meaning the child will spend an equal amount of time with each parent. When multiple children are involved and each parent has physical custody over one or more of them, they have split custody

.How We Can Help

Your initial consultation with an experienced custody attorney in Rochester, NY is one call away. Our attorneys can help you develop a child custody

agreement. We can attempt to negotiate the terms of the agreement outside of court, but if negotiations are not fruitful then we are fully capable to represent you in court. If you already have a formalized child custody

agreement and need to have some of its terms changed, we can help you petition the court for modifications. Let us help you fight for the best interests of your child. Multiple factors will influence court custody decisions. It is crucial that you are represented by someone experienced in showing how these factors play into the best interests of the child. These factors include the age and maturity level of the parents; the parent's ability to establish

healthy relationships with the child and other parent; the parent's availability and home environment; the financial situation of each parent; the disability, mental, emotional and physical health of each parent; marital fault; preferences of the children; the desire to keep siblings together; voluntary custody agreements; previous court judgments; third-party (e.g., counselors, family members) opinions; and drug or alcohol abuse
, and criminal history

.Don't risk your relationship with your child. Get an experienced child custody attorney on your side by calling Tully Rinckey PLLC in Rochester, N.Y. today.Tully Rinckey PLLC's family and matrimonial law attorneys can represent individuals and families in and around Rochester including Batavia, Geneseo, Canandaigua, Albion, Elmira, Horseheads, Corning, Hornell, Watkins Glen, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Lyons, Marion, Warsaw, and Penn Yan. Call today to schedule a meeting with one of our family and matrimonial lawyers at 585-492-4700

or e-mail info@1888law4life.com

. [Click here](#)

to view a video about our consultation process.

If your legal matter is urgent, call 518-727-3593 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients. We will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within hours on the same business day.