

Child Custody

When parents no longer live together, either due to a separation, divorce or other factors, they may want or need to formalize a custodial arrangement. In some cases, a family court may have to determine child custody concerns. The child custody attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC in Syracuse, N.Y. can help parents start the process of formalizing custodial arrangements or amending existing arrangements. In the appropriate circumstances, our attorneys can help grandparents, siblings or other family members petition for custody. **Types of Custody**

Temporary custody

("pendente lite"): Establishes a temporary custody and parenting time while the case is pending in court.

Physical custody

("residential custody"): Determines the "primary custodial parent" with whom a child will reside a majority of his or her time.

Legal custody

: Grants a parent the authority to make major decisions concerning the child's education, health care, religion, and general well being.

Joint legal custody

: Requires both parents to mutually agree on major decisions concerning the child's education, health care and religion.

Shared custody:

An arrangement in which both parents to spend an equal amount of time with the child.

How We Can Help

Tully Rinckey PLLC's custody lawyers in Syracuse, N.Y. can do the following for parents:
Negotiate voluntary custody agreements

Seek a temporary custody order

Prepare custody petitions

Prepare custody modification petitions

Prepare petitions for enforcement of custody or parenting time orders

Prepare family offense petitions

Gather evidence that can influence custody judgments

Represent the parent in child custody litigation

There are several factors that courts will consider when making child custody decisions. It is strongly recommended parents be represented by a family and matrimonial attorney who can compile hard evidence and create a compelling case for why the parent should be granted custody of the child. **Factors Influencing Child Custody in New York State**

A parent's ability to foster a healthy relationship between the child and the other parent

Child preference (in specific circumstances)

Parent availability

Parents' observable behavior in court

Drug or alcohol abuse

Criminal activity

Each parent's home environments

Prior court judgments concerning abuse or neglect

Each parent's mental, emotional and physical health

Opinions of counselors, school officials or family members

Siblings

Voluntary custody agreements

Parent-child relationships

The child custody attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC's can represent parents throughout Central New York, including Syracuse, Cicero, North Syracuse, Manlius, Liverpool, East Syracuse, Cazenovia, Baldwinsville, and DeWitt. Call today to schedule a meeting with one of our custody attorneys at 315-492-4700 or e-mail info@1888law4life.com

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Our office is minutes away from Destiny USA, formerly the Carousel Mall, and several courthouses. Located in Franklin Square, near exits for I-81 and I-690, our office is easy to get to and offers plenty of nearby parking.

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. The quickest way to get a hold of us is by calling. During normal business hours, we have a client relations team that can put potential clients in touch with the attorney whom they need. If you call or e-mail us after hours, you should expect to hear from our office by the next business day.

