

# LAW AND LEGAL PROCESS

PART I. FAMILY  
LAW 101

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# PROCESS

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**A Petition for custody of the child/children is filed at the courthouse**

**First hearing: Temporary Parenting Plan ordered**

**Second hearing: Pretrial conference**

**Trial/Agreement: Final Parenting Plan entered**



# TYPES OF FAMILY LAW CASES

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Petition for a  
Parenting Plan

Petition for  
Modification of  
a Parenting Plan

Petition for  
Non-Parent  
Custody

Paternity

# PETITION PARENTING PLAN

**BEST  
INTEREST OF  
THE CHILD**

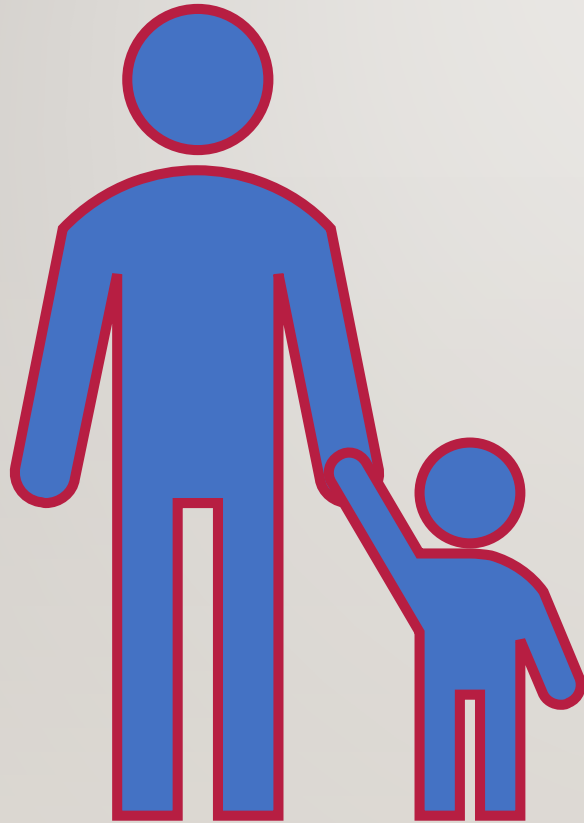


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# MODIFICATION OF PARENTING PLAN

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**SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES**



# PETITION FOR NON-PARENT CUSTODY

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**ACTUAL DETRIMENT  
TO THE CHILD**

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**PATERNITY**

GENETIC  
TESTING?

# PARENTING PLAN





# SETTLEMENT

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# TRIAL

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# LEGAL GUIDELINES

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- Take notes on paper
- Do not give advice or provide information
- Do not listen to audio recordings
- Do not share personal information
- Report deadlines
- CASA appointments are court orders

# THANK YOU!

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If you have any questions, please email Ann-Marie Croy at [annmarie@familylawcasa.org](mailto:annmarie@familylawcasa.org).