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CHILD CUSTODY, VISITATION AND SUPPORT DISPUTES CONCERNING GRANDCHILDREN

Dear Prospective Client:

If you are a grandparent being denied visitation with your grandchild or are seeking to obtain custody of your grandchild, your situation is probably charged with volatile emotions.

Evaluation of your case will require an initial personal consultation so that we can understand the facts of your case and advise you about your rights and duties. We charge \$200 for an initial consultation, during which we expect to give you a really good idea of what you can expect to happen in your case.

Before we can begin representing you, we will require (1) a signed contract which explains our respective obligations and (2) receipt of an engagement fee, the size of which will be based on our estimation of the amount of time needed to resolve your case. *There is no guarantee, however, that all of your legal expenses will be covered by this Engagement Fee.*

Resolving child custody and visitation issues takes a great deal of attorney and paralegal time. Anything you can do to complete the attached **GRANDCHILD VISITATION/SUPPORT DATAPACK** and provide substantiating documentation will help to reduce the amount of attorney and paralegal time required in this action.

Any information you provide will, of course, be kept confidential and you are under no obligation until we each execute a written Engagement Agreement.

Very truly yours,

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Hoge Partners, PLLC is the successor to Hoge & Associates, a law practice with a four-decade history of providing legal services throughout Metropolitan Louisville, including Jefferson, Oldham, Hardin and Bullitt Counties.

JAMES K. MURPHY

Jim Murphy is the Managing Partner of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**. He began practicing law in Kentucky in 1993. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington & Lee University and *cum laude* from the Lewis School of Law at Washington & Lee University.

Prior to joining Hoge & Associates in 2014, Jim's practice with another Louisville firm focused in commercial transactions, real estate and business. Since then, he has refocused his practice on Family Law matters with a special emphasis on associated business and real estate factors. Jim's caseload includes a variety of Family Law matters including domestic violence actions and criminal defense in child support matters as well as processing divorces, child support, child custody and post-divorce litigation. He also has significant appellate experience.

RUTH J. WILKERSON

Ruth Wilkerson is a Partner of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**. She has been practicing law in Kentucky since 2010. A graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky and the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, Ruth has a varied legal background which included estate planning, workers compensation, personal injury litigation, employment law, civil rights discrimination and sexual harassment.

Ruth has focused on Family Law matters since joining the firm in 2014. She handles both contested and uncontested divorce actions, post-divorce litigation, modifications of child support and maintenance/alimony, disputed parenting matters such as visitation schedules and primary residence, adoption proceedings, child custody and domestic violence proceedings.

WILLIAM L. HOGE, III

Bill Hoge has been practicing law in Louisville since 1972 and focused on Family Law for better than half of that period. He retired from active practice in 2017. Bill remains of counsel to the firm of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**, providing advice and guidance to attorneys Jim Murphy and Ruth Wilkerson and handling a limited number of cases. He is still a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and formerly served as the Chair of the Family Law Sections for both the Kentucky Bar Association and the Louisville Bar Association. The majority of Mr. Hoge's legal career has been dedicated to Family Law and being of service to people going through the divorce process in Kentucky, individuals needing assistance with post-divorce matters (child support, custody, visitation, etc.), victims of domestic violence, international parental abductions and others situations relating to Domestic Relations law.

GRANDCHILD VISITATION/SUPPORT DATAPACK

[for Grandparents]

Please Print

Today's Date: _____

YOUR FULL NAME: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____
 {Street Address or P. O. Box}

 {City} {County} {State} {Zip}

TELEPHONE: Home -- _____ Work -- _____

Mobile Phone -- _____

E-MAIL, PAGER or OTHER CONTACT: _____

How did you learn about us? Referral from another attorney: _____
 Personal referral from: _____
 Our website at www.DivorceInKentucky.com
 Other: _____

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Please complete the remaining pages of this form

Date of Initial Interview: _____ Interviewed by: _____

Engagement Agreement signed? _____ Date signed: _____ Engagement Fee Paid: \$ _____

Initial Pleadings Required: _____ Petition/Motion for Child Custody and Affidavit
 _____ Petition/Motion for **Temporary Custody** of Children
 _____ Petition/Motion for Child Visitation and Affidavit
 _____ Petition/Motion for Child Support
 _____ Motion to Prohibit Removal of Children from Jurisdiction of Court
 _____ Motion for Parenting Schedule
 _____ Motion for Restraining Order

MARKED PLEADINGS REQUIRED BY: _____ DISCOVERY: Interrogatories Request for Admission Request for Production
 _____ Deposition of _____
 _____ (Date) _____ When? _____ Court reporter needed?
 _____ OTHER: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION ON CLIENT(S)

GRANDMOTHER:

GRANDFATHER:

Full Name of **Grandmother**

Full Name of **Grandfather**

Her Age on _____ Her Date of Birth _____
Last birthday

His Age on _____ His Date of Birth _____
Last birthday

Grandmother's Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

Grandfather's Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

Her Place of Birth

His Place of Birth

Grandmother's Occupation

Grandfather's Occupation

Grandmother's Employer

Grandfather's Employer

Resident of Kentucky Since?

Resident of Kentucky Since?

Previous Address

Previous Address

How Long at That Address?

How Long at That Address?

Number of Times She Has Been Married: _____

Number of Times He Has Been Married: _____

Is Grandmother Presently Married? Yes no

Is Grandfather Presently Married? Yes no

To whom? _____

To whom? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON PARENTS OF MINOR CHILD/CHILDREN

	Mother of Child/Children	Father of Child/Children
Parents' Full Names		
Parents' Ages		
Parents' Dates of Birth		
Parents' Social Security Numbers		
Residents of Kentucky since ?		

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	Mother of Child/Children	Father of Child/Children
Parents' Present Addresses		
Parents' Previous Addresses		
Parents' Occupations		
Parents' Employers		
Number of Times Parents Previously Married		
Are Parents Presently Married?		
If Not Married to Each Other, to Whom Are They Married?		

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURAL PARENTS

Are you the natural grandparents of the child/children? _____

To which parent are you related? Mother of the child/children Father of the child/children

Please describe your personal relationship with the parents of the child/children. Are you able to communicate with them? How do they feel about your wish to be a part of the lives of your grandchild/grandchildren? Have they made it impossible for you to spend time with the child/children?

YOUR GRANDCHILD/GRANDCHILDREN

Number of minor children involved: 0 1 2 3 4 5 _____

Please provide the following information concerning the minor grandchild/grandchildren at issue in this matter:

(1) Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Present Age: _____

Child's Social Security Number: _____

Place of residence: _____

Child lives there with: _____

Child has lived there since: _____

* Previous residence: _____

Child lived there with: _____

Dates child lived at that address: _____

Child's present school: _____ Grade: _____

With whom does the child presently live? _____

What are the child's wishes with respect to who he/she lives with? _____

(2) Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Present Age: _____

Child's Social Security Number: _____

Place of residence: _____

Child lives there with: _____

Child has lived there since: _____

Previous residence: _____

Child lived there with: _____

Dates child lived at that address: _____

Child's present school: _____ Grade: _____

With whom does the child presently live? _____

What are the child's wishes with respect to who he/she lives with? _____

IF MORE THAN TWO CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED,
PLEASE CONTINUE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF
PAPER.

IF ANY CHILD INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER OR CHILDREN OF THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS (medical problems, learning disorders, etc.), please discuss those problems in detail below:

* The Court requires that we list all residences and individuals with whom each minor child has lived for the past FIVE (5) years. If more space is needed, please use the back of this page.

CHILD CUSTODY

Has any minor child involved in this situation ever been involved in a custody dispute? If so, please give details.

Does anyone besides you and the parents have any custody claim on any minor child involved in this situation? If so, please identify.

Please state who (IN YOUR OPINION) is best suited to have custody of the children and briefly explain your position.

CHILD VISITATION

What are your present visitation arrangements with the parents?

What do you wish to **change** about your present visitation arrangements?

Why do you wish to change this visitation arrangement?

Do the parents object to this change in your visitation arrangement?

CHILD SUPPORT

Have you made any arrangements or agreements with the parent(s) concerning custody, visitation or support of the child or children of this relationship? If so, please describe.

Have you or the parents taken any legal action in the past concerning the custody, support or visitation of the child or children? If so, please describe.

ATTACH COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ANY PREVIOUS LEGAL ACTION CONCERNING THE CHILD OR CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THIS SITUATION.

YOUR GOALS

Briefly state your **goals** and **motivation** in pursuing this matter.

What do you expect your attorney to **accomplish** in pursuing this matter?

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