

# Getting Legal Advice; Questions to ask your Lawyer regarding Parenting Arrangements.

It is very useful for you to come to Family Dispute Resolution with a reasonable idea of what a family court might order regarding Parenting Arrangements in your circumstances. In negotiations, this is called Best Alternative To a Negotiated Agreement (BATNA);

1. What would a family court likely say about Parental Responsibility and decision making for your children in your circumstances given the quality of communication with the other parent?

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2. What would a family court likely order regarding the Care Arrangements for your children taking into consideration their age, where you live and the quality of the communication you have with the other parent?

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3. What would a family court likely order regarding Special Occasions and where the children spend Christmas, Birthdays and Holidays, in your circumstances?

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4. Regarding your circumstances and the connections to community and family for the children, what would a family court likely order if you or the other parent wanted to Relocate and live somewhere?

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# Getting Legal Advice; Questions to ask your Lawyer regarding Property Settlements.

Before you can make an application to a family court for Property Settlement Consent Orders you are required by the court to get independent legal advice that the Settlement is “Just and Equitable”.

Therefore, it is very useful for you to come to Property Settlement mediation with a reasonable idea of what a family court might order regarding Property Settlement in your circumstances. In negotiations, this is called Best Alternative To a Negotiated Agreement (BATNA).

1. In your circumstances what is a family court likely to say or order regarding a range of Global Percentage Split that is Just and Equitable?

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2. What would a family court likely say about individual assets that you have concerns about such as Business, Inheritances, Shares and any Liabilities and loans?

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3. What would a court likely say about your Superannuation and the other persons Superannuation?

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4. What would a court likely say about any personal items, family heirlooms, and things of sentimental value?

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