

Hi Barry,

Very well written. I especially like the line "The notion that the judicial system should continue to be the authority determining final parenting arrangements of your children, my children and grandchildren is the most arrogant and invasive intrusion into family life! Legal privilege trumps parental rights in their world!"

I have been separated/divorced for almost 7 years now. It took a long time to resolve but we got there. The boys' mother and I do not speak which is best for right now. Unfortunately that also means the boys are aware. Hopefully the bad feelings will melt away over time.

At any rate, I stood firm for equal parenting and got it (only 20 days difference for the year). The boys are happy and so am I. The happiness would not have happened if I didn't stand firm. I will say that its not just the judicial system that has its flaws. We had someone come in to do an evaluation on our parenting. Unbelievable that someone can spend 1 hour with the boys and I and then determine if I am a fit parent. This so-called professional has also taught how to do assessments throughout Ontario. This professional determine at the time that my ex should have sole custody of the boys. The problem was that even my ex wasn't asking for sole custody (although would gladly take it in order to reduce my parenting time and influence). This professional didn't read the reports and didn't even keep her notes for her own report. I had to incur costs to get copies of the notes which she did not have. How can a monumental decision like this be made so carelessly? And why is there no retribution for this professionals lack of conduct? In my world at a financial institute, if I was so cavalier with our client's hard earned money, I would be fired and possibly charged.

Finally, I have tonnes of information if you would ever want it. Stuff that might help a lot of other parents (both genders) as they navigate through the pressures of divorce.

Thanks again!