

APPENDIX "C"

CUSTODY: INTROSPECTIVE VIEW

1. List and explain all your good qualities as a parent.
2. List and explain all your shortcomings as a parent.
3. List and explain all your spouse's shortcomings as a parent.
4. List and explain all your spouse's good qualities as a parent.
5. Complete a marital history beginning with your dating relationship with your spouse. Emphasize any and all important events/episodes with particular reference to your child(ren).
6. Keep a daily trial journal.
7. Secure photographs of you and your child(ren) participating in various activities.
8. Detail, in your opinion, why it should be in the best interest of your child(ren) for you to be named the managing conservator of your child(ren).
9. List why it would not be in the best interest of your child(ren) for your spouse to be named the managing conservator of your child(ren).
10. Prepare a complete list of witnesses, their addresses, phone numbers, whether they will need to be subpoenaed to testify, and most importantly, about what each witness can testify.
11. If your case involves a change of custody (modification), list any and all material and substantial changes in conditions (since the date of the last order regarding custody) with reference to:
  - a) your situation;
  - b) your child(ren); and
  - c) your ex-spouse.
12. Whether your case involves a change of custody (modification) or an initial custody issue (divorce), address with specificity, all of the following areas regarding you and your (ex)-spouse:

- a) job stability;
- b) residence stability;
- c) psychological or emotional stability;
- d) marital stability;
- e) lifestyle and morality;
- f) substance abuse;
- g) child(ren)'s preference;
- h) excessive discipline or lack of discipline;
- i) denial of periods of possession;
- j) school progress;
- k) lack of medical attention;
- l) neglect; and
- m) abuse.

13. If your case involves a change of custody (modification), list why your appointment as the new managing conservator would be a positive improvement.