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My wife and I are separating. We have three children and my wife wants the children to live with her. What options do I have?

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"Custody" is the term used to describe a parent's rights and obligations towards their children. It includes the care of the child including their upbringing and depending upon the type of custody, determines who has the right to make the major decisions for the child such as their health care, education, religion and general welfare.

Both parents have a right to custody of their children but you should always look at what type of custody would be best for your child. There are basically 3 types of custody to consider: sole custody, joint custody and shared custody. Some types of custody may not be appropriate in your situation. For instance, if you and your wife cannot agree on the parenting of the children, how would you make joint decisions? If your child has a disability of some kind, would they flourish in a situation where they live in two different homes or do they need the stability of primarily one home. Parents who work shift work or have an irregular work schedule may encounter problems arranging for the care of their child on a regular basis. There are many issues to consider when contemplating the type of custody that would be best for your child. The following is a summary of the 3 types of custody:

Sole Custody

A parent who has sole custody of a child has the right to make all decisions for the child and the child will live primarily with that parent.

The other parent has a right to access or visits with the child and to obtain information about the child. Sole custody may be best if the parents cannot jointly make major decisions about the child and there is often an argument as to how to parent the child.

Joint Custody

A joint custody situation is where the child lives primarily with one parent and the other parent has a right to visit with the child and obtain information about the child just as is the case for sole custody. The difference between sole and joint custody is that with joint custody both parents make the major decisions about the child concerning the child's education, health care, religion and general welfare. You need to be able to put your child's interests first and jointly make decisions without a lot of arguing or this is not the type of custody you should be seeking.

Shared Custody

Shared custody is a situation where a parent has the care of a child over the course of a year for not less than 40% of the time. The most common arrangement is where the child is with each parent for a "week-about". For instance, from Friday after school to the following Friday after school the child will be with one parent and with the other parent for the following Friday to Friday and alternating each week. Holiday schedules would be agreed upon. In some instances the parents alternate weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and split the week days (Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursdays).

There is usually an equal sharing of holidays. Shared custody involves equal joint decision making concerning the child although in some cases the responsibilities for a child may be divided between the parents. For instance, one parent may make the decisions regarding education and the other parent may make the decisions regarding health issues. Usually the parents live close to each other so that the child resides in the same community and the children can maintain the same friends and easily get back and forth to school.

If you wish to further discuss this issue, call me to set up a consultation.

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